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"Turn On The Stadium Lights"



A HUGE TURNOUT of townsfolk attended last Sunday's benefit pancake breakfast for the Stadium Lights Association, Inc. IN PHOTO ABOVE, committee members Dolores Cichetti (left) and Esther DePalo display "Beat Carlo" t-shirts with popular *Springfield Union News* and *Sunday Republican* sportswriter Carlo Imelio, a former town resident. IN PHOTO BELOW, Agawam UNICO members (who operated the kitchen) Louie Russo, Dante Mutti, and Mike DeLucchi serve resident Jean Waryasc. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Walsh Named To House Leadership

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) has been appointed House chairman of the Legislature's Committee on Counties, making the three-term legislator the youngest committee chairman in the House of Representatives, and only the second Western Massachusetts representative to hold a House leadership position.

The 31 year-old Walsh was named to the committee's top post by House Speaker George Keverian (D-Everett), and the appointment was unanimously ratified by the House Democratic caucus on Monday.

"Mike Walsh is a young man of great integrity and promise and I'm very pleased to have been able to find a leadership position for him to show his talents and abilities," Keverian said after he made the announcement.

"I am extremely gratified that the speaker has so much confidence in my abilities," said Walsh, who represents eight communities in the Third Hampden District.

The speaker also noted that the appointment recognizes the fact that county government is of particular interest to Western Massachusetts. "If it has any continued validity, it makes sense in Western Massachusetts," he said.

Walsh, who is serving his sixth year in the House, said he realizes that more functions of county government are being assumed by the state, but he has no intention of presiding over the complete breakdown of counties.

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Will Reid Charles Put Heavy Axe To School Budget???

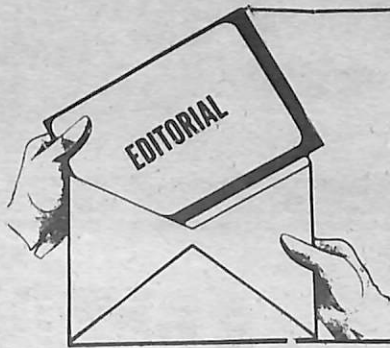
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Editorial



LETTERS to the EDITOR

Resident Calls Dog Officer Plan Waste Of Taxpayers' Money

To The Editor:

Having just returned from vacation, I was amazed and stunned to learn that Town Manager Reid Charles has appointed a new dog officer to replace Santo DeSpirit, who recently passed away. I have talked to many taxpayers around town and we are all wondering how in the world the town manager can appoint someone with no experience to this very important job.

In comparing the expected cost of this operation with that of the Regional Dog Control Center in Chicopee, how could a "professional" like Charles have the best interests of the taxpayers of Agawam in mind?

Charles could have served the taxpayers of this community much, much better if he had chosen to get the town involved in the Regional Dog Pound in Chicopee. It is my understanding that the cost at the Regional Pound would be about \$1 per capita, or about \$28,000 (although that figure will be higher when the new census comes out).

The recommendation to Charles from the town's Dog Committée, chaired by Daniel Lacienski, in my opinion, as well as the many people I've talked to, does not represent the best interests of the taxpayers in this community, nor is it in the best interests of the Town of Agawam in general.

The new dog officer, Mr. Burke, has had no experience at all in this type of work, as stated by Lacienski and the committee. Mr. Burke will receive a starting salary of \$19,000, and a salary will be needed for an assistant, too, when Mr. Burke is either sick or on vacation. Or will our over-worked Police Department again be responsible for policing dogs in this community when Mr. Burke is not available, as was the case when Mr. DeSpirit became gravely ill last October. Is it fair to get our police involved in this area when they already have so many other important things to do? That's the way it was for almost four months.

Also, Mr. Burke, to my knowledge, has no kennels to house the dogs. A van or car will have to be provided to him. That's more money still. It is also my understanding that a veterinarian will have to be used from time-to-time for the care of these dogs. Who's going to pay for this again? That's right - the Town of Agawam.

Is this more cost-effective than the Regional Dog Pound? Will a one-man show in Agawam actually be more efficient and deliver the goods to townspeople? I think the answers to both these questions are NO. I believe that the Regional Pound can provide us with better and experienced service in a more cost-effective way when all things are considered.

I'm sure those like the town manager and Mr. Lacienski will say the Regional Pound does cost more and will say why should Agawam lose control over the dogs in Agawam. I say the town is going to the dogs because of this plan.

Mr. Charles, Mr. Lacienski, and the committee did not consider what was best for Agawam and the taxpayers. It again appears POLITICS have entered into a decision at Town Hall by Town Manager Charles. As usual, the politics of the situation will cost the taxpayers and the Town of Agawam - dearly.

The manager should have had the facts about both this town plan we're now stuck with and the Regional Pound before he made his political decision.

Thank-you
Leonard C. Belcher
town resident/former DPW Supt.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, on THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of THE ROSENTHAL GROUP, LTD. and GENESIS HEALTH VENTURES OF AGAWAM, LTD. who are seeking relief from Section 20- Paragraph 44 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a 128 Unit Congregate Housing Facility on the premises identified as 464 MAIN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

Published: February 25, 1988

Will Reid Charles Seriously Cut School Department Budget???

The rumors are abundant at Town Hall this week that embattled Town Manager Reid S. Charles is considering a sizable cut of the \$12.3 million (at press time) School Department budget.

According to several of our sources at Town Hall close to the situation, Charles is saying that due to a shortfall in the state cherry sheet (funds returned to the community by the state), there's simply not enough money around to fund the entire town budget.

Our political reporter, Dale Fiske, tried in vain on several occasions to contact Charles to either substantiate or to put these rumors to rest. But based on what our sources tell us (and these are highly reliable), Charles has privately stated he may need to cut the school budget as much as \$500,000 to \$600,000.

Even cuts ranging from \$150,000 to \$400,000 in the School Department budget must be considered as devastating to our school system.

If our information is incorrect and Charles does not intend on such severe cuts to the school budget, then his budget message will certainly reflect this - that would put some egg on our face but we'd gladly wipe it off in the interest of children and education in Agawam.

However, going on the premise that Charles may indeed be privately debating on whether to severely cut the school budget, he might seriously weigh several factors.

The Agawam School Department's much-publicized per pupil spending is still below the state average. Although ground is being gained in this area, any severe budget cuts may again send the School Department into full retreat on per pupil spending.

That's quite contrary to what the state EEOG (Equal Education Opportunity Grant) program is all about. Agawam participates in this program in good faith with the state. The states provides the school's with EEOG money to assist the town in reaching the state average in per pupil spending.

It would be hard to make the argument stick that high teachers' salaries are denting the school budget. Latest statistics reveal that Agawam's teachers are still paid on the lower end of the scale when compared to the rest of the region.

This present council, as we view it, is definitely pro-education. Two former School Committee members are new councilors - Jessie Fuller and Thomas Ennis. Most, if not all candidates in the past election ran on platforms that included SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUDGET, as well

as for improved education for Agawam's children.

By cutting the school budget to such extremes, it would place these councilors in a frying pan. In fact, any cuts that are deemed high may uncoil a political backlash at council members.

What is Charles' relationship to the School Department? Here's how we view it:

It should be noted that Charles already has publicly blamed last year's teachers' contract for the majority of his trials and tribulations during often bitter contract squabbling with municipal labor unions.

That went over like a lead balloon with the educators. Charles reportedly has also complained about some of the administrative salaries within the School Department as being on the high side. Last week when political reporter Dale Fiske criticized Charles for his department head pay plan, the negative feedback we received from those supporting Charles mentioned both the teachers' contract and administrators' salaries in the School Department as being responsible for Charles' labor anxieties.

Charles has the uncanny ability to blame others for his own administrative shortcomings. If Charles does attempt to substantially axe the school budget, it may place his entire budget up for severe scrutiny.

Last year Charles cut the school budget \$125,000. That was rather pale in comparison to the \$320,000 budget cut levied for fiscal year 1984 under the administration of former Town Manager (now town councilor) Edward A. Caba.

At presstime, the School Committee is still making cuts, and the budget being sent to Charles won't be known for a few more weeks. In fairness to Charles, he may see these cuts as determining factors in how much he may or may not remove from the school budget.

However, as stated above, any unreasonable budget axe by Charles to the school budget cannot be deemed as in the best interests of the community or its children.

Charles has stated he's pro-education in Agawam. He points to projects undertaken during his administration affecting the schools as proof of this. We see some of the projects, including school renovations and new roofs as necessities, not the ingenious innovations of the town manager.

Actions speak much louder than words and Charles, when he presents his town budget message, will have the opportunity to prove this.



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Chapter 209: Abuse Prevention

by Officer Wayne Macey
Agawam Crime Prevention

The following information on abuse petitions, how to obtain them, and what specific information is required was compiled from the text of the Massachusetts Criminal Law Reference Handbook. It is intended to make victims of abuse aware of the relief available to them through the court system and their local police department.

It is only recently that domestic violence has come to be recognized as a serious social problem and our institutions, including the police, are often not equipped to handle it. Chapter 209A is designed to improve the quality of police response to domestic disturbance calls, particularly to those involving spouse abuse. Chapter 209A provides assistance to the abused by providing access to the courts and making available police intervention to prevent further abuse.

A person suffering from abuse from an adult, minor family or household member may file a complaint in the court requesting protection from such abuse, including, but not limited to, the following orders:

A) Awarding the defendant to refrain from abusing the plaintiff whether the defendant is an adult or a minor;

B) Ordering the defendant to vacate forthwith the household. Notwithstanding, the provisions of section 34B of Chapter 208 (divorce statute), the order is for a fixed period, not to exceed one year, unless extended by the court;

C) Awarding the plaintiff, in the case of husband and wife, temporary custody of a minor child.

D) Ordering the defendant to pay temporary support for the plaintiff or any child in the plaintiff's custody or both, when the defendant has a legal obligation to support such a person.

E) Ordering the defendant to pay to the person abused monetary compensation for losses suffered as a direct result of such abuse. Compensatory losses shall include, but not limited to, loss of earnings or support, out of pocket losses for injuries sustained, medical and moving expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees;

F) Ordering the plaintiffs' address to be impounded. No filing fee shall be charged nor fees for copies of orders entered by the court. If the plaintiff demonstrates a substantial likelihood of immediate danger of abuse, the court may enter such temporary orders (without notice) as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from abuse, and shall immediately (thereafter) notify the defendant that the temporary orders have issued. Notice will be made by the appropriate law enforcement agency.

When the court is closed for business, any justice of the superior, probate, and family district or municipal court departments may grant relief to the plaintiff, if the plaintiff demonstrates a substantial likelihood of immediate danger of abuse.

Abuse prevention petitions have proven to be a highly-effective tool in the battle against violence within the household. Used in the manner in which they were intended, they can be the weapon of relief sought by so many for so long. These petitions should not be used as a mere paper of convenience for those experiencing minor marital difficulties.

On the other hand, an abused spouse should not hesitate to file the proper paperwork in order to end his or her suffering, as well as that of a child within the household. We of the Agawam Police Department are anxious to help and put an end to domestic violence.

Melconian To Press Insurance Package

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has unveiled her comprehensive auto insurance reform package.

"This bill presents radical, dramatic changes in the Massachusetts auto insurance system. The time for band-aid approaches is over. The system is in chaos and crisis similar to a terminally-ill patient kept alive by political and artificial devices," stated Senator Melconian.

Senator Melconian's legislation would provide a four-point program over four years which would essentially restructure the auto insurance system by setting up separate categories and rates for good and bad drivers.

In addition, the bill would establish an assigned risk plan to replace the current Commonwealth Reinsurance Pool (C.A.R.) by 1991. "It is about time bad drivers paid their fair share. There is no real financial incentive to be a good driver in Massachusetts," said Senator Melconian.

Currently, every policyholder in this state pays an average of \$163 of his or her premium to subsidize the C.A.R. deficit. Senator Melconian's proposal would distribute equitably high risk and bad driver policies to all insurance companies which provide auto insurance in the Commonwealth.

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Police Arrest 8; Take 232 Calls Last Week

Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey today released crime statistics for week ending Sunday, February 28th. Crime stats included 232 total calls answered last week and eight arrests.

Other crime stats included one assault and battery, two breaking and entering, 12 larcenies, 13 malicious damage, 24 nuisance persons, 27 suspicious activity, 21 alarms (all false), seven property damage due to accidents, four personal injuries due to accidents, five Fire Department assists, 22 ambulance assists, and six citizen assists.

Also, seven disturbances, six disabled motor vehicles, three missing persons, five civil disturbances, 60 miscellaneous calls, and one insecure building.

On February 19, **Margery Garvey**, 178 River Street, Apartment 6, West Springfield, was arrested by West Springfield Police Department. Information was obtained and complaints were obtained in Springfield District Court. She was subsequently charged with two counts of armed robbery. Investigating officer was Detective Gerald O'Keefe.

On February 22nd, **Mark Menard**, 178 River Street, Apartment 6, West Springfield, was arrested by the West Springfield Police Department. Information was obtained and complaints were obtained in Springfield District Court. He was charged with three counts of armed robbery. Investigating officers were Detective Gerald O'Keefe and Richard Niles.

On February 24th, **Janet Small**, 172 Walnut Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Daniel Ciak.

On February 25th, **Ralph Arujo**, 17 High Street, Apartment 16, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Daniel Ciak and Gary O'Brien.

On February 27th, **Donald W. Lester**, R.F.D. 1, Sidman, Pennsylvania, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without

a license, unregistered motor vehicle and possession of class D substance. Arresting officers were Daniel Ciak, Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr., and Detective Thomas Marmo.

On February 27th, **Robert Savard**, 39 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Chicopee Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Peter Bertera.

On February 27th, **Ralph Soden**, 1172 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with possession of class D substance (marijuana), possession of class D substance with intent to distribute, and possession of class B substance (cocaine). Arrest was as a result of an intensive investigation and surveillance conducted by Detective Thomas Marmo, and Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr. Search warrants were obtained and a raid was conducted on suspect's apartment 30. Assisting with the search and subsequent seizure of narcotics was Detective Alan Collins and Detective Joe Dymon.

On February 28th, **Stanley Sopellec**, 569 Harkness Avenue, Springfield, and **Frederick Babeski**, 29 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, were arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the daytime with intent to commit a felony. Incident occurred at approximately 7:00 a.m., when the suspects broke into a home on Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills, while the occupants were asleep. Attempting to remove a TV set and VCR awakened the family. While the husband held one of the suspects at bay in the cellar, the wife called police. Officer Robert Landers and Karen Cormier responded taking the first subject in custody and broadcasting a description of the motor vehicle with second suspect involved.

En route back to the station with first suspect in custody, the motor vehicle involved was spotted in Feeding Hills. Sergeant Gary Nardi stopped the vehicle and a second arrest in the break was made. Both suspects were arraigned Monday morning in Springfield District Court. Assisting in the investigation was Detective Anthony Malone.

Republican Town Committee Schedules March 5th Meeting

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will meet at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Saturday, March 5th, at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be available.

To be discussed is the Primary Election on March 8th, which will include election of local Town Committee and procedures for write-in candidates; and the review of rules for electing the Town Committee. Also

on the schedule is the review of presidential candidates running in the Republican Primary.

A date and place will be set for an organizational meeting of the new Town Committee.

In addition to the 25 names printed on the ballot, other candidates for the local Town Committee can be elected by receiving 50 or more write-in votes.

Republican and Independent voters are invited to attend.

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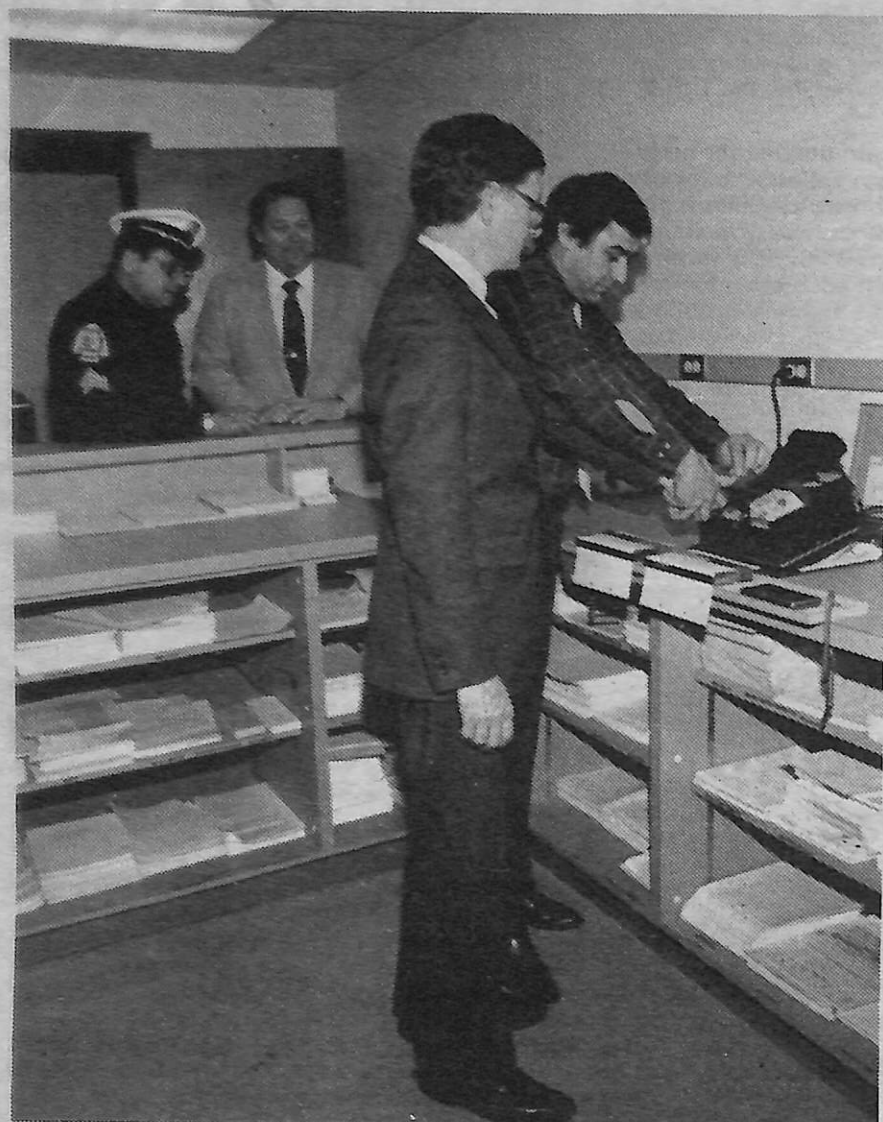
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IN PHOTO LEFT, Agawam Rotary representative William Shoenborn tests-out the Master Finger Printer and Palm Inker with Detective Anthony Malone. The Rotary Club donated the device to the department. Its uses are for taking impressions of the finger, palm, and in some cases, foot impressions. "This machine is worth its weight in gold," said Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski who was looking on. Also looking on is Sergeant Al Longi (in uniform-back). IN PHOTO RIGHT, Sergeant Donald Loncto, the department's firearms expert, is pictured in the lab. Loncto was the featured member of the Agawam Police Department last week. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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MEET THE POLICE...

Officer Peter Bertera Traffic Team Member; Dept.'s Photographer

by Officer Wayne Macey
Agawam Crime Prevention

Officer Peter J. Bertera joined the department in 1976 as a civilian dispatcher. After five years at that position he was appointed to the rank of patrolman on September 13th, 1981.

He attended the Springfield Police Academy where he graduated in June 1982. He has attended several traffic enforcement schools since being appointed to the traffic bureau in 1983.

Officer Bertera works the "dog watch," or 1:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. shift, where he is most usually assigned to the traffic car. He is also one of the photographers for the department and does extensive work in our new darkroom facility.

Pete attended the photography school under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. In 1986, he served as vice president of the Agawam Police Association. Pete has lived in town all his life and attended Agawam High School. He presently resides with his wife, the former Laurie Burke, in the North Agawam section of town. His father, Peter Bertera, Sr., was a member of the department for over 20 years prior to Pete coming on the job. Photography was in the family as Peter Sr. was the department photographer for many years before he passed away while still a member of our department.

Pete received a commendation for his efforts in recapturing two escaped prisoners from the York Street Jail. They were apprehended on Route 57, August 10th, 1987. On April 12th, 1986, he received another commendation for saving the life of a young motorist from town who had become trapped in his burning motor vehicle.

Pete also received a commendation for his efforts as a dispatcher in the calm and efficient handling of an emergency situation in September 1981.

In addition, he has also attended instructor certification for the department's breathalyzer machine, and he has received an achievement certificate from the National Auto Theft Bureau. Pete's extensive background and years of experience as dispatcher, photographer, and member of the Traffic Bureau make him an invaluable asset to this department and the people of Agawam.

AUTO INSURANCE - From Page 4...

"My proposal will make drivers more accountable for their driving habits, make companies more responsible for cost containment measures, and eliminate the unfair distribution of losses incurred by the C.A.R. deficit to policyholders."

In addition, the legislation would provide for a partial deregulation in 1992 for certain optional coverages to increase consumer choice. Changes in the territorial system would provide a fair distribution of premium charges throughout the Commonwealth. It is time for auto insurance companies to fight each other for consumer dollars instead of the state fighting insurance companies.

"This proposal is a reasonable and responsible measure. It represents clearly a radical but necessary departure from an auto insurance system that is unworkable and unfair to both consumers and companies. The time for action is now. The alternative facing us is totally unacceptable. If we do not move forward, we will have a state pool in which projected deficits could be borne by every taxpayer in the Commonwealth," she concluded.

Housing Authority Installs New Windows

The Agawam Housing Authority has completed the installation of 404 aluminum replacement windows at their veterans family housing development, J.J. Brady Village on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. This work was done under the second phase of a modernization grant awarded from the state to upgrade public housing in Agawam.

The windows were supplied and installed under government contract by Graham Architectural Products Corporation, for a cost \$82,500. This completes Phase 2 modernization work which also consisted of replacement of all rear apartment doors and new storm doors.

Phase 1 consisted of insulation and new siding for all 12 buildings, which had been constructed during 1948 and 1950 for returning veterans from World War I. The Housing Authority is still housing veterans and dependents of veterans in these units.



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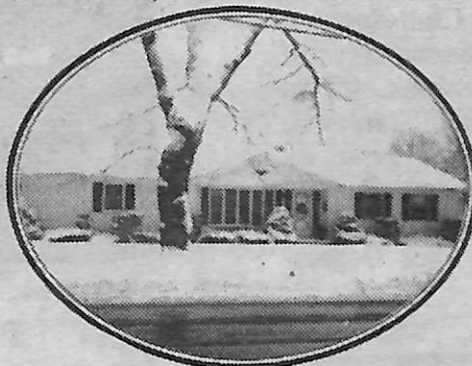
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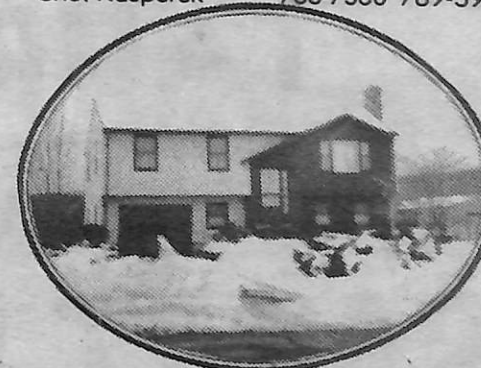
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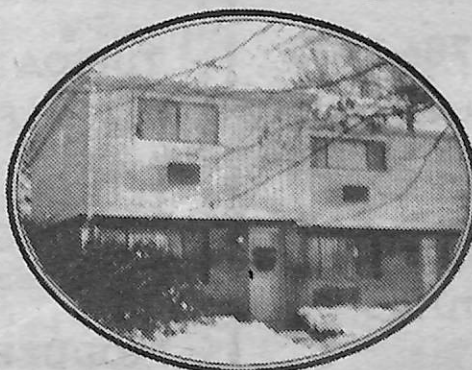


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Revaluation Process Nears Completion...

Assessor Says Some Tax Bills May Rise

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

Revaluation of Agawam properties, a process that started last year, is nearing completion, according to Town Assessor Timothy Kelleher.

According to Kelleher, "Agawam's tax rate will go down this year because the overall valuation of the town has increased. As a result of this some people will see an increase in their taxes, some a decrease, and others will see their bills remain the same."

Kelleher said the new townwide revaluation may place the town at the \$1 billion mark.

Kelleher said that Agawam's assessment date is based on January 1st, 1987. Presently, the entire community is nearing the 100 percent valuation. Kelleher said the town's tax rate is \$20.90 per \$1,000. Kelleher said he cannot yet calculate what the new tax rate will be, nor can he project how many townspeople will experience tax increases.

According to Kelleher, data collection should be completed within three weeks and tax bills should be forwarded to residents in June.

Kelleher said he was concerned that townspeople were not more aware of the process involved in setting the tax rate, which ultimately will affect how much

taxes they pay.

During a revaluation year, Kelleher said, the town first selects a company to conduct the property assessments. Agawam is now using Patriot Properties from Salem. Officials from this firm conduct field reviews that encompasses listing and measuring all homes. On this data square-foot costs are established. These figures are based on mostly sales data like location and type of homes, according to Kelleher.

There is also an appeal process available to townspeople who feel their tax bills are too high. Kelleher explained that after townspeople receive their notices, they can call or come into the Assessor's Office to set-up a hearing. This is an informal meeting which takes about 10 minutes, he said. At that time the individual's property is compared to other properties of equal size, shape, location, and other important data.

Kelleher said if the meeting results in no satisfaction for the taxpayer, that person has 30 days from the time the tax bill is mailed out to file for an abatement in the Assessor's Office.

The Assessor's Office has 90 days to rule on the abatement. Kelleher said if the person waiting for an abatement fails to hear from the Assessor's Office

within that time frame the abatement is deemed to be denied. The taxpayer then has 90 days to file with the Appellate Tax Board in Boston. The Appellate Tax Board then schedules a local hearing to hear the case.

Kelleher said that at this time a computerized appraisal system is being implemented in his office. He said, "This will enable future evaluations to be done in-house. This is expected to cut the cost of the revaluation process to the town."

According to Kelleher, revaluations are conducted every three years. "This procedure has got to be the most ridiculous piece of legislation I have ever seen. It takes about a year to complete. You just finish one and have to start another one. Doing revaluations every five years would make more sense."

Kelleher added that with the new computer appraisal system his office will be able to keep pace with all new marketing information. He said this will enable the Assessor's Office to facilitate the next revaluation and also have more information available within a shorter time frame for individuals who need assessment data.

Kelleher concluded that if any town resident has a question about their tax bill as a result of the revaluation process, to "please feel free to call or stop in."

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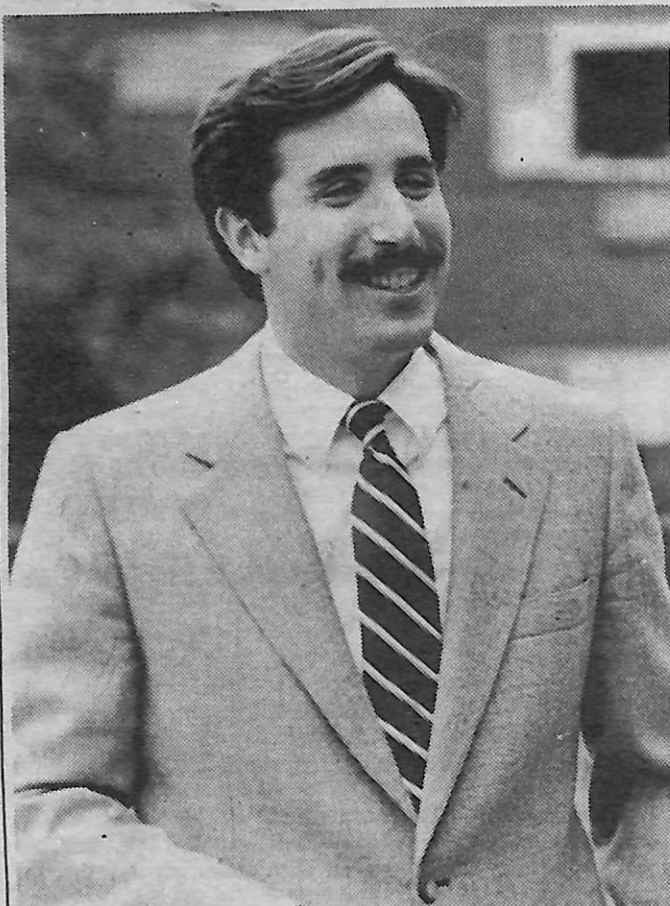
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INCUMBENT AGAWAM STATE REPRESENTATIVE Michael P. Walsh (D) is now a member of the House Leadership, it was announced by Speaker of the House George Kaverian earlier this week.

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WALSH - From Page 1...

"There should be something between local and state governments," said Walsh. "Local governments tend to be parochial while the state government can't tend to the needs of each community in the manner that they wish. So county government still has a future."

However, Walsh maintains that he is a strong supporter of a state takeover of the county jails, which is one of the last major functions of county government in Massachusetts. The House and the Senate will attempt to resolve that issue later this year.

He also expects that his new position will provide him with a stronger say in the siting of a new Hampden County jail. The state Division of Capital Planning and Operations wants to site the jail in Agawam, a move that Walsh vehemently opposes.

"First and foremost, the people of my district elected me to represent them, and I intend to remain faithful to that duty," he said.

Municipal Events

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Tuesday, March 8th
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Tuesday, March 8th
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Wednesday, March 9th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
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FIRE-WISE - by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks Get Your Fire Protection Team On The Job!!!

It's human nature to think bad things only happen to "the other guy." But the fact is that bad things can happen to good people. Fires, for example. Everybody thinks they'll never have a fire. But the figures tell a different story. In fact, the chances are that you will experience at least one home fire in your lifetime—a fire serious enough to call the fire department.

Each year more than 6,000 Americans die in fires. The figures fluctuate from year to year, but it's consistently the worst fire record in the modern, industrialized world. Nothing to be proud of.

The worst news, though, is that the vast majority of those fire deaths—about two-thirds—happen at home, many of them during the night while the victims slept. In about one-third of these fire deaths, cigarettes started the fire.

Some Safety Tips

Those statistics are pretty sobering. But the Agawam Fire Department wants you to know you can help protect yourself and your loved ones from fire.

First, you can be sure everyone in your family understands fire's dangers and treats all possible hazards carefully. Matches, lighters, and other hazardous substances, like lighter fluids, are for adults. They are tools designed for a purpose. Young children should be taught that if they find these materials around, they should immediately give them to an adult. Matches, lighters, and other dangerous materials should be kept in high cabinets, well out of children's sight and reach.

You can keep from overloading electrical circuits in your home. And if you use supplemental heating devices, portable space heaters of any kind, you will always do so carefully and within the manufacturer's suggestions for safe operation. Have all electrical and fuel-burning equipment checked for safety by a reliable professional regularly.

You can keep your entire home, including garages, basements, attics, and other storage areas, clean and free from clutter. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from any heat source.

Provide smokers with large, sturdy, and stable ashtrays. Always check seat cushions before going to bed at night for dropped ashes and matches. Never allow anyone to smoke in bed.

In general, use care and common sense in your everyday activities.

Beyond Common Sense-Protection Money Can Buy

But there's even more you can do to protect your

family and home.

Every home should be protected by smoke detectors. In the few short years since their introduction, smoke detectors have made a real difference in the fire death rates. When smoke detectors are in place and properly maintained, they consistently save lives.

There are different kinds of smoke detectors that work in slightly different ways. In general, they work by sensing when there's smoke in the air and sounding a loud alarm to alert occupants that they should escape. Some work split-seconds sooner on some kinds of fire; some are quicker with other kinds of fires. But any kind is better than no kind.

Detectors should be located between sleeping areas and the rest of the house to guard against fires that start in the night. If your bedrooms are in separate parts of the house, each sleeping area needs its own detector. Smokers should have their own detectors right inside their own bedrooms.

Additional detectors should be placed in the pathway between your sleeping areas and garages, basements and other storage areas, especially areas where heating equipment or hazardous substances are kept.

If you have wired-in detectors, you should add some battery-powered detectors as backup in case the electricity goes out.

Today, smoke detectors cost very little and are easy to install. The cost can be as little as a couple of movie tickets. Installation requires just a stool, a screwdriver, and a few minutes' time. Don't let a few dollars or a few minutes stand in the way of your family's safety.

Once your detectors are in place, don't leave them on their own. About once a month, use the hose attachment of your vacuum cleaner to clear dust from the smoke detector. Press the test button to be sure the alarm sounds. Then, to test the sensing mechanism itself, blow some smoke from a cigarette or candle into the detector's chamber. Keep blowing smoke until the detector sounds its alarm.

Then, at least once a year, replace the battery in your detectors.

If one of your detectors seems to go off too often when you're cooking, these false alarms can usually be stopped by moving the detector a few feet farther from the kitchen. Don't simply become annoyed with the detector and disable it by removing its battery. Then it will be out of service in a real fire, too.

IRS Discusses IRAs

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 includes significant changes affecting Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs). The following questions and answers deal with these changes and other tax aspects of IRAs.

Q. What is an IRA?

A. An IRA is a savings plan that lets you set aside money for your retirement. Earnings on your IRA are not taxed until they are distributed to you, generally upon retirement when you may have a lower taxable income. For most people, the contributions made to their IRA will also be deductible. However, changes in recent tax law make the deductibility of contributions dependent on your adjusted gross income (AGI) and whether you have other types of pension coverage.

Q. Who can set up an IRA?

A. All taxpayers who have compensation can set up an IRA. Compensation includes wages, salaries, tips, commissions, and alimony. It does not include interest, dividends, or pension payments.

Q. What is the maximum contribution to an IRA?

A. The maximum contribution is \$2,000 or the amount of your compensation, whichever is less.

Q. Who can fully deduct contributions to an IRA?

A. Taxpayers who are not active participants in an employer-maintained plan, or whose AGI is not more than \$40,000 if married filing jointly or \$25,000 if single can claim a deduction for their full contribution to their IRA.

Q. Can I claim any deduction for IRA contributions if I am an active participant in an employer-maintained retirement plan and my AGI is more than \$40,000 (\$25,000 for single individuals)?

A. For married couples who file jointly, if either spouse is an active participant in an employer-maintained retirement plan, the maximum allowable deduction begins to "phase-out" when your combined AGI reaches \$40,000 (\$25,000 for single individuals).

Q. I will earn \$40,000 this year and my spouse will earn \$3,000 from a part-time job. I am an active participant in my company's retirement plan. We plan to contribute \$4,000 to our IRA retirement plans. How much of a deduction for an IRA can we claim on our tax return?

A. Since your combined AGI exceeds \$40,000 and you are an active participant in an employer-maintained retirement plan, your IRA deduction will be based on a computation. While your IRA deduction is limited to \$2,800, you and your spouse may still make an additional \$1,200 nondeductible contribution to your IRAs. Any earnings on this \$1,200 nondeductible contribution will not be taxed until they are distributed to you, normally at retirement age.

Q. Can a couple with AGI of \$50,000 or more (\$35,000 or more for single individuals), where either spouse is an active participant in an employer-maintained retirement plan, establish or make contributions to an IRA?

A. Yes, they can establish or make nondeductible contributions up to \$2,000 apiece each year to an IRA. While their contributions are nondeductible, any earnings on the IRA will not be taxed until they are distributed.

Q. What is an employer-maintained retirement plan?

A. An employer-maintained retirement plan includes:

- a qualified pension, profit sharing, or stock bonus plan,
- a qualified annuity plan,
- a simplified employee pension,
- a plan established for its employees by the United States, by a state or political subdivision, or by any agency or instrumentality of the United States or a state or political subdivision,
- a tax-sheltered annuity.

If you had the option of being in a plan at work, and chose not to participate, you will still be considered an active participant. If you are an active participant, your employer will generally indicate this on your W-2.

SEE IRS - Page 9...

STCC Students Offer Free Tax Return Assistance Says Professor Herd

Students from Springfield Technical Community College will offer free federal income tax information and tax return preparation assistance at three Springfield Library branches over the next few weeks. Additionally, help will be available on three Saturdays on the STCC campus.

The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program provides free tax help in the community for people with basic tax returns, particularly lower income and elderly taxpayers. Students, specially trained by the Internal Revenue Service, volunteer their time helping area residents with their tax returns.

FULL SCHEDULE:

Pine Point Library, 204 Boston Road, Mondays,

March 7th, 14th, 21st, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Winchester Square Library, 765 State Street, Wednesdays, March 9th, 23rd, April 6th, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Forest Park Library, 380 Belmont Avenue, Wednesdays, March 16th, 30th, April 13th, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, March 12th, 26th, April 9th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Springfield Technical Community College, 1 Armory Square, Building 15, Saturdays, March 19th, April 9th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Professor William Herd is the VITA coordinator at STCC. The college has helped the I.R.S. with this program for the past 13 years.

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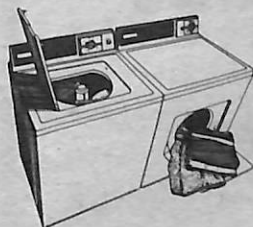
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Agawam Obituaries

Civic Leader G. Frederick Affleck, 69 Was Charter Member of Agawam Rotary

G. Frederick Affleck, 69, of 100 South Park Terrace, Agawam, a retired eight year Northeastern regional sales manager for Pictorial Publishers of Indianapolis, Indiana, died Monday, February 28th, at home. He retired in 1979.

Born in Springfield, he was a 1937 graduate of Classical High School. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1941, and also attended a graduate program at Springfield College.

He was a chartered life underwriter and worked in sales and management for life insurance professionals for Equitable Life Assurance Society in Springfield and New York; Life Insurance Agency Management Association, currently L.I.M.R.A., in Hartford; and Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance, Hartford.

He attended officer training school, and was commissioned as a lieutenant in 1942 and served in the Navy during World War II.

He was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church, the Agawam Citizens Organization, Inc., the Town Republican Committee, a former Town Meeting member, and a former member of the Agawam Personnel Committee. He was active in local boy scout troops, and was a chairman in the Troop Committee.

He was a member of the Samuel Osqood Lodge of

Masons in Springfield, the Metropolitan YMCA and the Agawam YMCA of which he was also on the Board of Directors.

In 1985, he received the Paul Harris Distinguished Service Award from the Agawam Rotary of which he was a charter member and past president. He was also the present recording secretary and on the board of directors of the Agawam Counseling Center, and was the past chairman of the board.

He became a volunteer for the Massachusetts Association for the Blind, and was the Long Standing Treasurer for the Little Stannard Beach Association, Westbrook, Connecticut.

He leaves his wife, the former Esther Lou "Pat" Eaton, two sons, Theodore E. Affleck of Newington, Connecticut, Kenneth C. Affleck of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a daughter, Susan E. Affleck-Childs of Detroit, Michigan; a brother, Paul E. Affleck of Brewster, and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Agawam Congregational Church, Friday, March 4th, at 3:00 p.m., with a spring burial in Stafford Springs Cemetery, Stafford Springs, Connecticut. Memorial contributions may be made to the Affleck Fund, c/o Agawam Counseling Center, P.O. Box 84, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge.



G. Frederick Affleck

Eltha M. Weston

Eltha M. Weston, 81, formerly of 1151 Main Street, Agawam, and a retired employee of William F. Young Company, Springfield, died in a local nursing home. She retired in 1971 as director of advertising after more than 46 years' service.

Born in Westfield, she lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Agawam 37 years ago.

She was a 70 year member of South Congregational Church, Springfield, and a member of its Ladies Guild.

She leaves a nephew, George Weston, Jr., of Newport Beach, California, and a niece, Debra Donohue of Springfield.

The funeral was at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

William E. Moss

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 3rd, for William E. Moss, 46, of Feeding Hills, who died Saturday, February 27th, in Baystate Medical Center of injuries suffered when struck by a car in West Springfield.

Born in Holyoke, he graduated in 1959 from Holyoke High School and attended Holyoke Community College. He had lived in Feeding Hills for 15 years. He was employed at Hallmark Greeting Cards Company, Enfield. He was a member of Second Baptist Church, South Hadley, and was a candlepin bowler.

He leaves a brother, Arthur of Springfield; a sister, Jane A. Moss of Arlington, Virginia; and an aunt, Winifred Hayes of Holyoke.

The funeral was in the church with burial in

Forestdale Cemetery, Holyoke. Edward F. Day Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund, 589 Granby Road, South Hadley, MA, 01075.

Dominick S. Mierzejewski

Dominick S. Mierzejewski, 70, of 62 Colonial Avenue, Agawam, a retired 30 year valve engineer at Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corporation, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He retired in 1980.

Born in Holyoke, he lived in Chicopee 26 years. He graduated from Chicopee High School and attended American International College, Springfield. He had also lived in Hawaii, Springfield, and in Connecticut before moving to Agawam 27 years ago.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, serving as a navigator and bombardier in Europe and Africa. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of Chicopee Lodge of Elks, the 20 Year Retired Club at Hamilton Standard, and the Retired Officers Association.

He leaves his wife, the former Jean A. Krauser; a daughter, Janice M. Phelan of New York City; his mother, Marianna (Peczynski) Mierzejewski, and a brother, Francis "Chet" Mierzejewski, both of Chicopee; two sisters, Gertrude Szatrowski of Chicopee and Lucy Storozuk of East Otis, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Cierpial Memorial Home, East Street, and in St. Stanislaus Church with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, all in Chicopee.

IRS - From Page 8...

Q. My spouse is a homemaker and earns no compensation. Can we deduct contributions made to a separate IRA for my spouse?

A. If you file a joint return with your spouse, and have income qualified for an IRA, you can set up a non-working spouse IRA.

Q. As a consumer, what should I consider when shopping for an IRA?

A. Some of the issues to be alert to include:

—How much are the fees for opening or maintaining an IRA?

—What is the interest rate on the IRA and how is it calculated?

—How much will my IRA be worth when I retire and begin to receive funds?

Q. Which tax form can I use to report contributions to my IRA?

A. You may use either form 1040 or 1040A, but not 1040EZ. No adjustments to income are permitted on the 1040EZ. There is also a new form, Form 8606, that is used with your return to report non-deductible contributions.

Q. Where can I find out more about IRAs?

A. More information on IRAs is available in IRS Publication 590, "Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)." Publication 590 is free by calling toll-free 1-800-424-3676.

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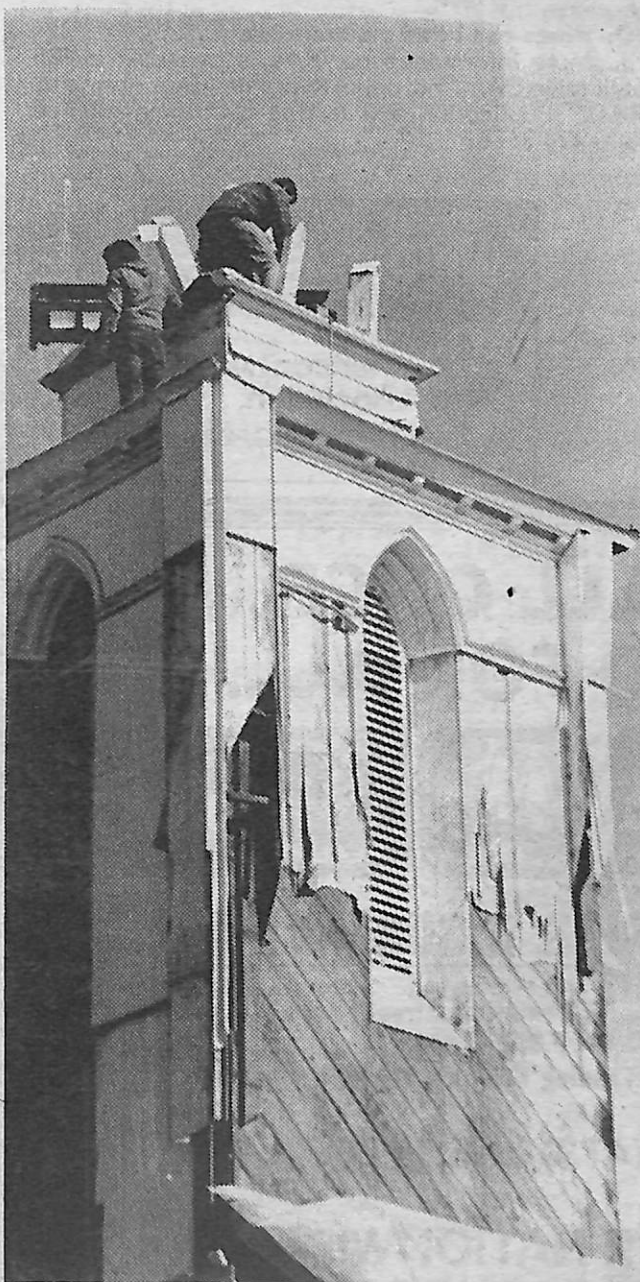
Town Democrats Caucus For State Convention



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE held their caucus on Saturday, February 27th to elect delegates to the state convention. The caucus was held at the Polish American Club. Town Democrats pictured above (photo left) include Terry Goudreau, Carolyn Tetrault, State Rep. Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam), and Scott Letendre. IN PHOTO RIGHT - William T. Walsh, Jr., and Robert Guidetti (standing) go over the voters list with Jean Stowers, Meanette Vermes, and Teresa Kozloski. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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WORKERS continue renovations of the steeple on St. John's Church, Main Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

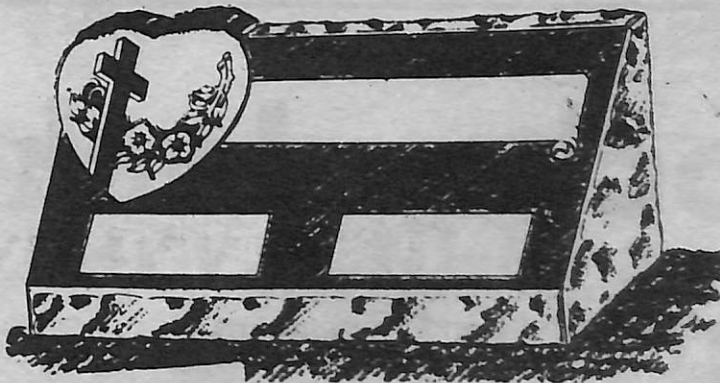
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UNICO Macaroni On Sunday



JENNIE CHRISTOPHER, Agawam UNICO's official "Sauce Queen," is already stirring her huge pots of delicious sauce for this Sunday's Annual Macaroni & Meatball Dinner sponsored by UNICO. The March 6th event will run from noontime to 5:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. The Agawam High School will host the event. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Garden Club Slates First Meeting

The Agawam Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the season, Tuesday, March 8th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Officers for the year include: President - Barbara Farrington; Vice-President - Dorothy Brown; Secretary - Alice Moore; Treasurer - Barbara Gagnon; and Publicity Secretary - Judith Clini. Program for the evening will be "Gardening with Nancy Shaer." Mrs. Shaer is a master gardener with the Hampden County Extension Service and is currently studying Cherokee Indian medicine. The program will include slides as well as samples and ideas for usage of medicinal and culinary herbs.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting, and the public is invited to attend.

Programs for the remainder of the year will include:

April 12th - Paul Blanchard on African Violets and Gesneriads.

May 10th - Wood Carving - American Folk Art with Bob Holland.

May 21st - Annual Plant Sale.

June 14th - Lynn Manning's Flower Arranging Workshop.

June 18th - Bus trip to White Flower Farm, Hillside Gardens, and Child's Rock Garden.

July 12th - Herb Program by Alice Moore.

August 9th - Summer picnic.

September 13th - Mark Lavoie on Planting Bulbs.

October 11th - Workshop.

November 8th - Banquet and Installation of Officers. Speaker, Mrs. John Pritchard with slides on European Garden.

November 22nd - Annual Green's meeting.

December 3rd - Holiday exhibit and sale at Captain Charles Leonard House.

Catholic Women's Club To Meet

The March meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be held Monday, March 14th, at 8:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Social Center. The business meeting will be conducted by President Jackie Hayes.

Mrs. David Moretti, chairwoman for the evening's program, will introduce Elaine Smith. Mrs. Smith will demonstrate, explain, and show a slide presentation of Sogetsu, a specialized form of Ikebana, the art of oriental floral arranging. Mrs. Smith studied two years in the Orient, and received a teaching certificate from the School of Sogetsu.

Following the program presentation, refreshments will be served. Please remember your donations for the Open Pantry to help others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

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Agawam VFW Ladies Take State Honors

Sixteen members of the District 7 Ladies Auxiliary to VFW, including several from the Agawam VFW Ladies Auxiliary, accompanied district President Angela Sheldon to the Mid-Winter Conference recently in Quincy. Nine auxiliaries were represented at the conference.

Rita Shea, president of the Agawam VFW Ladies Auxiliary (1632), took first place in the division as "Auxiliary President of the Year." This contest ran from July 30th to December 31st, and will now continue to June to the convention in Springfield.

Mrs. Shea also was one of six presidents (from a total of 176 Ladies Auxiliaries statewide) to gain top honors. She was also presented a watch for recruiting four new or reinstated members.

Mrs. Shea thanked members of her local auxiliary for making this honor possible, as well as Agawam VFW and District Commander Robert Guevin, for his cooperation and support.

Guevin said that the spirit of cooperation at the Agawam VFW enabled the local post to be the only one in District 7 to have credits in all programs. Guevin recently received national VFW awards in community service.

Both Mrs. Shea and Guevin feel that youth play a major role in the success of the local VFW, especially those who visit and support hospitalized veterans on a monthly basis.

Both Mrs. Shea and Guevin said they were also proud of the post's Junior Girls' Unit, which was the only one to be credited at the Mid-Winter Conference.

The post's "Voice of Democracy" essay contest winner, Betzaides Hernandez, a student at the Agawam High School, will be honored at a social on April 16th at the VFW Post. Other awards will also be presented on this day.

Army Pvt. Eric Rullmann Completes Operator Course

Army Private Eric G. Rullmann, son of Clayton C. & Lenora G. Rullmann of 112 North Street, Agawam, has completed the tactical satellite/microwave systems operator course at the U.S. Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia.

The course provided enlisted personnel with a working knowledge of the proper installation and operation of tactical microwave and multiplex equipment.

He is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School.

Bill Barker, Sr., Retires From Fire Department



ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, friends, relatives, and co-workers gathered at the Polish American Club to honor Bill Barker, Sr., on his retirement from the Agawam Fire Department. Bill's retirement comes after 23 years of dedicated service to the town. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement were wished by all present. Pictured with Bill are co-workers Ken Blair, David Pisano (deputy chief), and Karl Schmaelzle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his answering service.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 6th
UNICO Macaroni Supper
Agawam High School
Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 7th
Agawam Garden Club
Captain Charles Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 14th
Catholic Women's Club
St. John's Parish Center
8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26th
Oldies Dance
Cub Scout Pack 75
Polish American Club
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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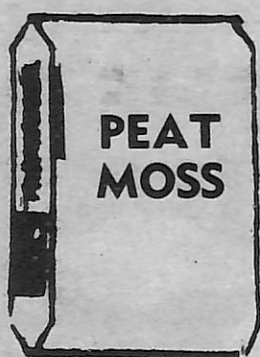
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Huge Turnout Of Townspeople Clearly Say



YOUNGSTERS Chris Hietanen, Bryan Rheame, Scott Drust, and Mark Drust were among a huge throng of townspeople who attended last Sunday's benefit pancake breakfast for the Stadium Lights fund at the Harmon Smith Football Field at Agawam High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



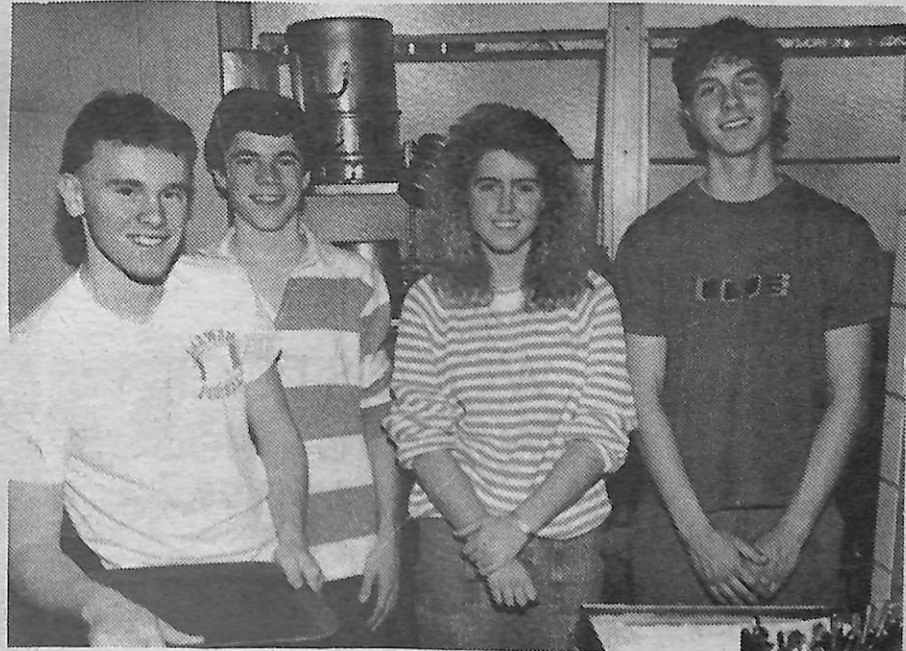
STADIUM LIGHTS pancake breakfast helper Sheila Martin (standing) is pictured with expert pancake-eaters Cathy and Sarah Scaggs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HANDING-OUT STADIUM LIGHTS BOOSTER BUTTONS were Stadium Lights Committee members Marie Saracino, Andrea Cichetti, Betty Maloney, and Louis Cichetti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS Tracey Blair, Karen Stuart, Karen Blair, and Megan McDade (the last three are wearing their varsity cheerleader jackets) lent their support to the Stadium Lights Committee last Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH ATHLETES Jason Wooley, Mike Wright, Jennifer Scaggs, and Chris Kasperak were on hand to assist the Stadium Lights Committee by cleaning tables. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS Karen Stuart (left) and Karen Blair say "drink milk" at last Sunday's benefit pancake breakfast for the Stadium Lights. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STADIUM LIGHTS and Tony Scaggs were pretty gal at last Sunday's benefit pancake breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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y "Turn On The Stadium Lights"



THREE YEAR-OLD NICOLE GUTOWSKI isn't quite sure what it's all about, but enjoys her pancakes nonetheless. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MALONES AND BONAVITAS, from left - Lauren Malone, Franca Bonavita, Carlo Bonavita, Nancy Malone, and Jasone Malone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STADIUM LIGHTS COMMITTEE members Bill Hayes (center) and Tony Saracino draw raffle prizes with the assistance of this woman at last Sunday's pancake breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



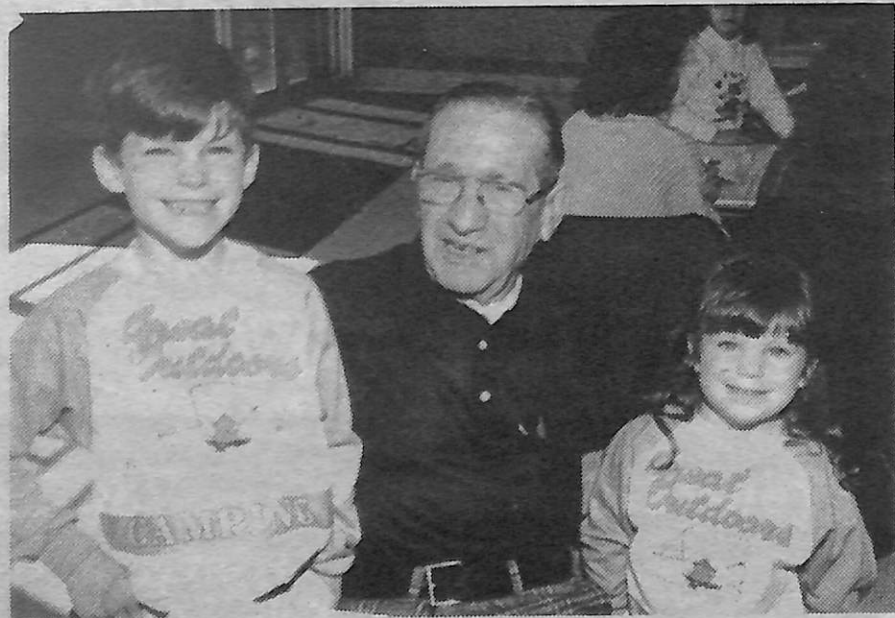
AGAWAM UNICO member Ed Disco was one of the chief pancake makers at the Stadium Lights pancake breakfast last Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



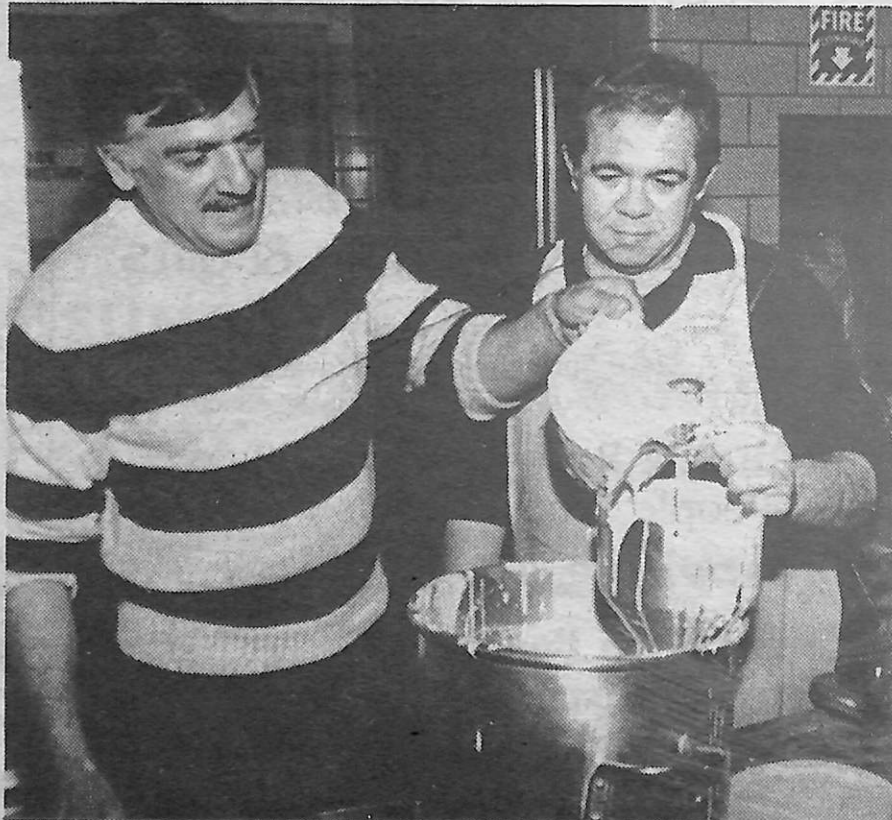
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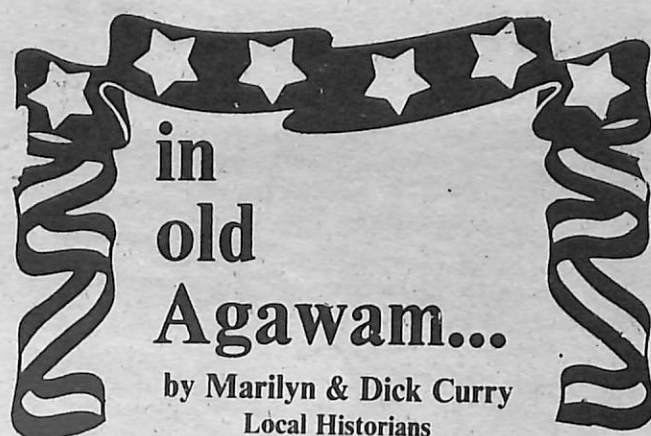
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LONG-TIME AGAWAM UNICO member Paul Ferrarini greets Brad and Brittany Theriaque to the Stadium Lights pancake breakfast last Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS Richard Forni (left) and Bob Siciliano pour pancake batter as throngs of Agawam residents attended last Sunday's pancake breakfast "To Turn On The Stadium Lights." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



in old Agawam...

by Marilyn & Dick Curry
Local Historians

Dayton Morley - Part III

Libby Prison

On the basis of Francis O'Leary's testament, we had concluded that everything was falling into proper order. Like putting together the pieces of a puzzle, we were now down to the final parts, thereby presenting an overall picture of Dayton Morley's service record.

In regard to Dayton Morley's imprisonment in the Libby Prison, at Richmond, Virginia, we could find little reference other than an excerpt taken from a letter written by Dr. Philip Schaff, June 18th, 1863: "The present state of things in this community is certainly worse than the rebel raid of General Stuart's cavalry in October last, when they suddenly at Mercersburg, at noon-day, seized a large number of horses, shoes, and store goods, and 12 innocent citizens as candidates for Libby Prison..."

Without doubt, this raid must have been the advance guard of Lee's army as it neared Gettysburg. The fact remains that apparently, any prisoner of war taken by the Confederates finally found his way within the confines of Libby Prison (that location being nearest to the main rebel forces).

Without access to the regimental history, we cannot truly account for the specific displacement of Dayton Morley sometime during the battle of Gettysburg. Yet,

we were convinced that since he had apparently fought in that battle and had served time in Libby Prison, there was substantial reason to speculate with some degree of certainty!

There remains little doubt with the capture of Richmond, the Union army must have released the prisoners-of-war from Libby Prison. If our speculation had been near-correct, we could account for two years of internment for Dayton Morley. Yet, Francis O'Leary had clearly stated "three years" time.

To date, we had been able to validate in chronological order the oral history of Dayton Morley's military record. On this premise, we concluded our story of imprisonment based on the possibility that following his release, it was just possible, indeed more probable, that this soldier might have been sent to an army hospital for rest and recuperation (lasting perhaps several months to a year prior to his being sent home).

Certainly, this conjecture would substantiate a time period of three years internment, since hospitalization following imprisonment was nonetheless restrictive to one who had spent at least two years in a POW camp!

Apart from O'Leary's information, we had little data to base an accurate resume of his uncle's military record. Town Historian Edith LaFrancis is quite correct in her estimation of what is truly known concerning our local men during the Civil War: "Very little information is available on the experiences of Agawam's Civil War soldiers."

Obituary Substantiates Speculation

In a letter dated January 27th, 1988, O'Leary's enclosure of Dayton Morley's obituary, as printed in the *Springfield Republican*, answered many questions as to the final dispersement of Morley's history: Had Morley been a member of the Massachusetts 38th or New York 38th regiment? If he had joined the New York regiment, why? Was Everts correct in assigning Morley to the Massachusetts regiment?

As a concluding word to this puzzling story we provide Dayton Morley's entire obituary as printed in the local paper:

"A low shed roof ended 87 years of active life for Dayton Morley, a veteran of the Civil War who had been active in spite of his age. He was helping his son Frank, an Agawam farmer, haul compost from a stable at 28 Essex Street, Springfield."

"As the wagon rolled out of the barn, the low roof struck Mr. Morley riding on top of the load and he fell 12 feet to the ground, breaking his neck. He died almost instantly. The medical examiner, E.J. Mahoney, pronounced the death accidental and had the body removed to Graham's undertaking rooms."

"He was born in Feeding Hills in August 1827 and was remarkably active for his advanced age, helping his son about the farm and frequently going to the city where he went with his son yesterday morning in the farm wagon to get a load of fertilizer. After the wagon was loaded, he started the team along—and some way losing his balance, he fell striking his head in such a manner that the neck was broken. He lived in Feeding Hills many years and was engaged in farming coming to Agawam 12 years ago."

"At the time of the Civil War, he was living in New York and enlisted in the 38th New York Regiment. He was a member of Scott's life guard and took part in 14 different battles, one of which was the Battle of Gettysburg, where he was taken prisoner and went to Libby Prison. He attended the Grand Army celebration at Gettysburg last year and had been a regular attendant of the meetings of E.K. Wilcox Post in Springfield. He is believed to be the last survivor of the 38th New York Regiment. He was twice married and left one son. Funeral is at the home at the corner of Silver and Suffolk Street."

For now we had struck paydirt, convinced that previous speculation was finally confirmed with an actual published recording of Morley's military service. In time, more evidence might come to light concerning a more specific participation of Morley in the New York 38th Regiment.

Until then we remain content in the knowledge that far more of this local soldier is known than in the past. Step by step, slowly and gradually we may learn more of our local Civil War veterans.

We are greatly indebted to Francis O'Leary for his interest in our articles, as well as providing us with the initiative to further investigate another local Civil War hero's service to his country during the time of need. Dayton Morley is truly an example of the willingness of our young men from town and village who set an example of devoted, true, patriotism.

Spfld. Christian School Sets Speaker At Fundraiser

Springfield Christian School, a non-denominational, non-profit Christian school, will feature Dr. Donald Sills as guest speaker at the Annual Fundraising Dinner, Friday, March 18th, at 6:30 p.m., at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Dr. Sills is president of the Washington, D.C. based Coalition for Religious Freedom, and is chaplain of the World Conference for Mayors. Dr. Sills is probably most well known for his untiring efforts in helping to develop a ministry of common ground upon which people of all religious persuasion can work together. Dr. Sills does not deal in spiritual compromise.

Ticket price is \$25 per person, proceeds to benefit Springfield Christian School. Deadline for reservations is March 14th.

For tickets or more information, call 732-5963 or 785-1891.

Italian Sporting Club Slates Monthly Dinner For Public

The Italian Sporting Club, located at 349 Cooper Street, Agawam, is again holding its monthly public dinner, Monday, March 7th, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

For just \$5 per adult and \$2.50 for children, you and your family can enjoy a delicious mararoni and chicken dinner, complete with salad, Italian bread, and coffee. As usual, this is an all-you-can-eat affair.

Table reservations may be made by calling 786-4857. Proceeds of this monthly event (held the first

Monday of every month), enables the Italian Sporting Club donate funds to civic and charitable endeavors in the community.

Frank M. Czupryna Graduates Air Force Basic Training

Airman Frank M. Czupryna, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Czupryna of 24 Sylvan Lane, Feeding Hills, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.



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Heritage Hall News, Notes, & Activities



LENA DIMELLO

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

Lena DiMello

Lena DiMello was born February 28th, 1900, in Southern Italy. Her family migrated to the United States when she was very young. They resided in Feeding Hills and Lena attended Granger School.

At 14, she obtained employment with the Hathaway Tobacco Company. After a few years, she was employed as a Bloodmobile driver transporting people and supplies for the American Red Cross, where she was employed for 25 years. She married Paul DiMello, August 5th, 1916, and she has five children and 14 wonderful grandchildren. Lena enjoyed hobbies of crocheting, hooking rugs, and sewing.

She continues to lead an active life participating in a variety of programs. Her favorite is the Latch Key Program. She really enjoys having the children to spend time with.

I Remember

by Mary Figiel

"The magazines I read today are beginning to show vegetable garden plants—what to plant, where to plant it, and how much to plant. My father just knew how to

do all of that. Every year he and my two brothers tended the family garden that provided our family with winter provisions and my mother and I with a lot of work.

"The harvest came in as early as June with the strawberries. We had them in such abundance that it became my job to sort the bright red juicy berries by size. Large ones were for sale at 25 cents a quart, and the rest mother and I preserved. Then these were the green and yellow wax beans, peas right from their shells, and red sun-ripe tomatoes. My favorite was the sweet corn! The corn was picked when the kernels were just big enough to be tender and milky (so sweet you could suck on the cob and taste it).

"The eating was the good side—the canning was the work. On hot days when others were sitting on the front porch, Mother and I were down in our cellar canning. Canning in the cellar saved a lot of wear and tear on the family kitchen. Being young, my mind was more on drinking lemonade than boiling canning jars and canning, and the cellar floor showed it many times.

"In the winter months, I remember taking such pride in having helped in the preparation of the food we had on our dining room table!"

Trivia!

On Thursday residents of Heritage Hall recently gathered in the activity room to participate in a Trivia Program. Everyone enjoyed being able to match their wits against each other in competition. The program offers mental stimulation as well as the opportunity to learn important facts about a variety of subjects.

Residents are amazed at the memory recall they have, and are eager to grasp new information. The hour provides fun and enables everyone to socialize among themselves as they discuss the answers they will give.

Lenten Season!

Residents of Heritage Hall recently attended an Ash Wednesday service to welcome the Lenten season. The service was held in the chapel and was conducted by Eucharistic Minister William Koob from St. John's in Agawam. After the service, ashes were distributed to the residents.

Further Lenten services are scheduled to be held on campus.

Join In Everyone!

On Saturday, February 20th, residents of Heritage Hall were entertained by the talented guitarist Ken Langden who was accompanied by friends, adults, and children. Everyone tapped their toes to the beat of the lively music and joined in a sing-a-long. Some of the songs played were the old-time favorites such as "Down in the Valley, My Wild Irish Rose," and "Michael Row the Boat Ashore." The sing-a-long ended with everybody joining together in singing "America the Beautiful."

Residents enjoyed the entertainment, and are eagerly anticipating their next sing-a-long with Ken and his friends. Heritage Hall would like to extend a thank-you to Ken and his friends for an enjoyable afternoon.



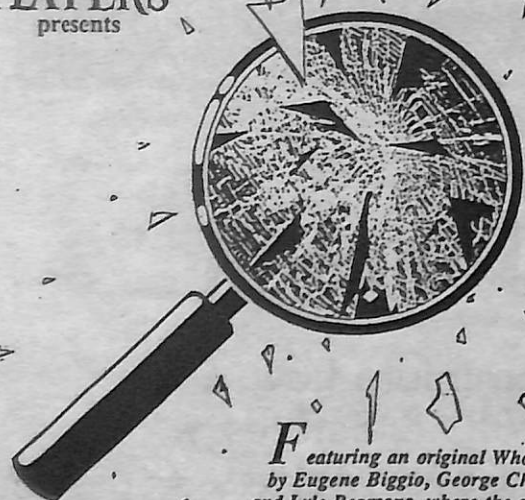
RESIDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS at Heritage Hall Nursing Home tried to beat the late winter blues by holding an indoor picnic. Pictured above are Recreation Director Karen Wilson, staff members Joyce Daley and Marlene Turner, and resident Theresa Mackechnie. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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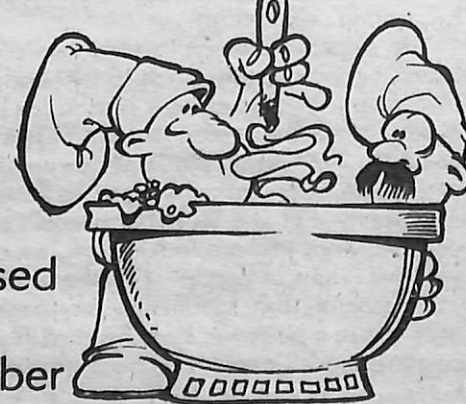
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TRICIA REA will compete in the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant in Worcester beginning March 18th.

La Leche League Offers Moms Info About Breastfeeding

Mothers or expectant mothers interested in information about breastfeeding are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Westfield La Leche League.

It will be held Tuesday, March 8th, at 7:30 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, 60 Broad Street, Westfield. The topic for this month's meeting is, "The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties." Nursing babies are welcome.

La Leche League offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual, *The Womanly Art Of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

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by Ralph Rachele

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Tricia Rea Heading For Miss Mass. Pageant

Miss Tricia A. Rea, daughter of Armand & Arlene Rea of 82 Mallard Circle, Agawam, has been selected as an entrant in the 1988 Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant to be held at the Sheraton Lincoln Grand Ballroom in Worcester on March 18th, 19th, and 20th. The State Pageant will select the Massachusetts representative to the Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant to be televised live nationally on CBS network in July. The Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant will be staged by Miss Universe, Inc., a subsidiary of Gulf & Western Industries.

Miss Rea, who was selected as an entrant at large, will be competing with girls from all over the Bay State for the title of Miss Massachusetts Teen USA. She attends Agawam High School.

While in high school Tricia has participated in band, soccer, color guard, chorus, and choreography, Model Congress. Her other activities include playing the piano, dancing, reading, skiing, and working at

McDonald's.

One of the requirements of the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant is that each entrant wear a costume descriptive of the town or area that she represents. Tricia plans to wear an Indian outfit which is representative of the town's original inhabitants.

The dates again for the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant are March 18th, 19th, and 20th, at the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in Worcester, where Tricia will be competing for the most coveted Teen Title in the Bay State.

The Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant is the Official preliminary to the Miss Teen USA Pageant. Miss Rea's sponsors to the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant are Mitch's Nursery, Grimaldi & Burzduk Realtors, Water Control Laboratories, Sarat Ford, Valenti's Restaurant, Sleich's Auto Body, McDonald's, The Country Mouse House, *Agawam Advertiser News*, and family.

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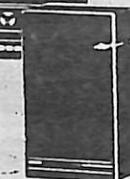
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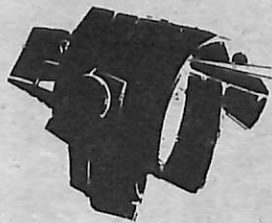
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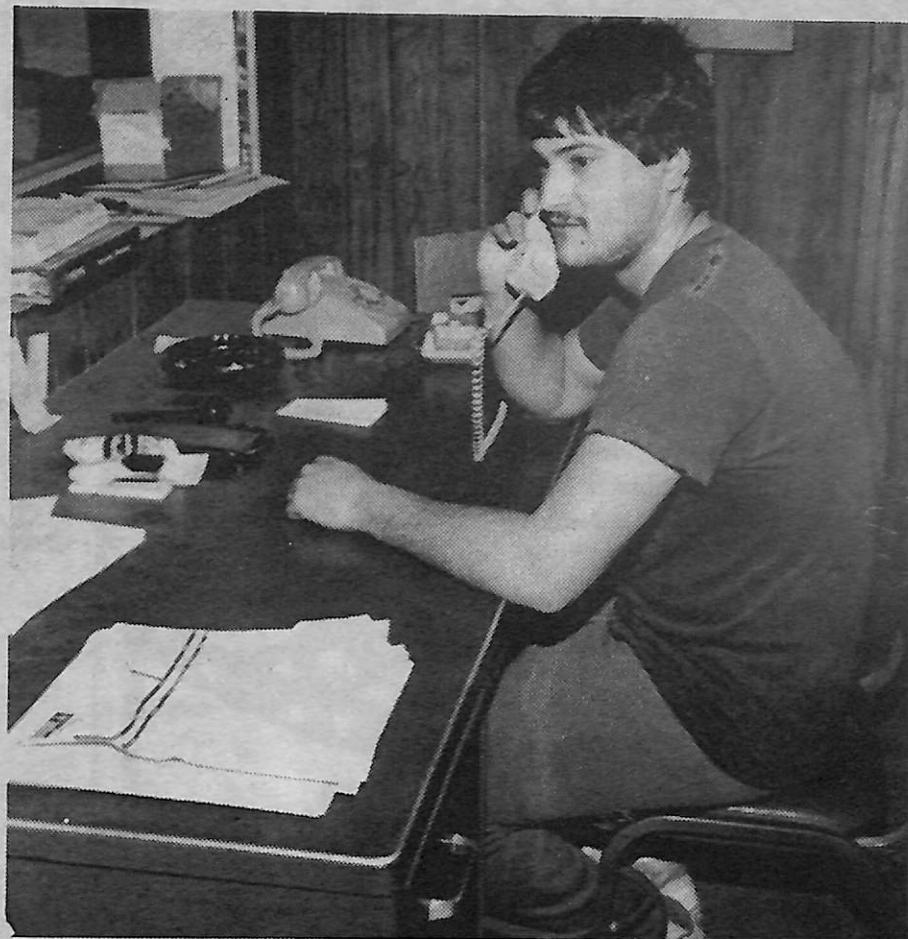
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Westfield Savings Bank Enjoys Another Big Year Of Growth

Westfield Savings Bank held its Annual Corporator's Meeting February 16th, at the Oak Ridge Country Club, Feeding Hills.

Bank President Donald A. Williams announced that 1987 proved to be a prosperous year in terms of its financial figures, and also in the expansion and growth of Westfield Savings Bank.

Last year saw tremendous increases in the areas of assets and deposits:

Assets reached a record high of \$261.7 million, up \$14.8 million from 1986. Deposits exceeded figures from 1986 by \$12.7 totaling \$235.8 million for the year's end. Net income before taxes was \$5.6 million.

Williams referred to the year in review as "a positive and profitable year for Westfield Savings Bank thanks to the hard work and dedication of our employees and officers, and the continued support of our customers, corporators, trustees, and Board of Investment."

As for the year in review, 1987 proved to be one which yielded great satisfaction and prosperity. According to Williams, "1988 will be an interesting and challenging year for us, but with the continued dedication of our staff and support of our corporate body, our management is committed to meet the challenges of the future."

The Annual Meeting was also accompanied by the yearly election of Officers:

Donald A. Williams was reelected to the position of President, along with the reelection of **Thomas J. Howard, Jr.**, as executive vice president. **Victor J. Carra** and **Gary W. Petersen** were both reelected as vice presidents, and **Philip C. Smith** was elected as the newest clerk of the corporation.

Trustees elected for three-year terms were **Richard C. Armstrong**, **Charles F. Chunglo**, **David C. Colton, Jr.**, **Alvah W. Elzerman**, **Philip C. Smith**, and **David A. Williams**. Corporators elected for 10-year terms were **David R. Jarret**, **John A. Jeneral**, **Sheldon M. Titcomb**, **Gary W. Petersen**, and **Kenneth W. Plumley**.

Williams, Chairman of the Board Arthur Knapp, and the bank's corporators honored long-time Clerk of the Corporation, Horace N. Fuller, upon his retirement. Fuller was appointed clerk of the Westfield Savings Bank in September 1952, and has been with the corporation over 36 years.

Last year proved to be a year of continuing growth and success for Westfield Savings Bank with the construction of a full-service office in Westfield and an ATM facility in Feeding Hills. Williams stated, "Our new Northside office has been doing tremendously well since its opening in June. We are looking forward to 1988 with great anticipation, for the success of the Northside, our newest ATM facility, and all of our offices."



WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK PRESIDENT DONALD A. WILLIAMS addresses gathering at the Annual Corporator's Meeting, February 16th, at Oak Ridge Country Club.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OUTGOING
Corporation
Clerk Horace
N. Fuller receives a
gift from Arthur
Knapp (left), chair-
man of the board,
and Donald A.
Williams, bank
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ELEANOR TOUSSAINT of the Agawam Congregational Church has served the church for 45 years as its choir director. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Well-Baby Clinic Set For March 16th

The Well-Baby Clinic is scheduled for March 16th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Senior Center, Wright Street, Agawam.

If interested, please call the Health Department for an appointment, 786-0400, extension 209.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message.

Kitty Broman's Benefit Luncheon Slated

Kitty Broman will hold her benefit luncheon Tuesday, May 10th, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

This will be the 27th year for this luncheon which will benefit the Mental Health Association of Greater Springfield, United Cerebral Palsy, and the Work Opportunity Center. Fashions will be provided by Blake's.

There will be dozens of door prizes and a raffle will also take place.

The luncheon will feature Filet of Beef at \$18.50, and Chicken at \$15.50.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting Kitty Broman, c/o Carroll Travel, P.O. Box 2130, Springfield, MA, 01101, or by calling 739-7391.

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Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

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Richard M. Theroux,
Town Clerk

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Barbara Lane	7	1407-1815		Shoemaker Lane-1004-1104	
Barry St.-291-904	7	Michael St.	7	even	7
Beech Lane	7	Nicole Terrace	7	South Park Terrace	4
Blacksmith Rd.	7	North St.-185-575	1	South West St.	7
Briarcliff Dr.	7	North St.-580-1246 even	2	South Westfield St.-1-480	
Bunkerhill Rd.	7	North St.-961-1215 odd	7	even	7
Carmel Lane	7	North West St.-17-412	7	Southwick St.	7
Carr Ave.	4	North Westfield St.-35-315	7	Springfield St.-74-468	1
Charter Oak Dr.	7	Oakridge Dr.	7	Springfield St.-534-740	1
Cooper St.-402-745	3	Oneifby Lane	7	Springfield St.-926-1368 even	2
Elmar Dr.	7	Overlook Dr.	4	Springfield St.-181-517	3
Forge St.	7	Parker St.	7	Springfield St.-577-915	3
Gina Dr.	7	Partridge Lane	7	Springfield St.-1059-1351 odd	7
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For Your Health

How's The Family???

Shattering "The Supermom" Image!!!

by Dr. Warren F. Schumacher
associate professor
University of Massachusetts

"I can't stand the mess in his room. Every day, after I get home from work, I have to pick up his clothes before I make the bed....I wouldn't think of not making a hot meal every night...I just have to wash clothes every night; my kids aren't going out with dirty t-shirts...What would people think if they walked into my house and it was a mess?"

Women who catch themselves saying any one of these phrases should watch out! You're involved in some scary stuff! The key words are: "can't stand," "have to," and "wouldn't think of." Anytime that you lose control and must do something, that compulsion is triggered by some need or "ought" that generates problems for yourself and your family.

Since so many women have gone back to work and entered the job market, the need to keep the perfect house has gone down the drain for most. But some still have to make beds each day for all of the family members, dust and vacuum, wash windows and cook. This need to keep everything in order extends to the adolescent children also: "I have to know where he is at all times; suppose there was some kind of an emergency and I had to get in touch with him!" Care and concern and love and affection to this degree can smother and destroy.

Why do some women seem to get locked into this pattern of supermom? Our society has taught females that their job was to care for others. Unfortunately, some girls became women with the idea that their

sense of identity ought to be formed through their role of giving to others. A sense of accomplishment was gained by completing jobs for others—jobs like cleaning and cooking, caring for children, and making sure that the kids' homework was finished.

Now, it's hard for some women to let go of these tasks that so involve focusing on others. Somehow, it's hard to shift that focus and concentrate on self. It's hard to spend time and energy on recreation and education that centers on self: "this is just for me...this is my time, my hobby."

Unless the perfect mom image changes, the woman will reach a certain point in time and wonder: "is this all there is?" She will grow to resent her role and realize that all of the good stuff has been drained from the pot and no one has taken the time to refill it. We can't just care for others without also caring for ourselves. We need to take time out from the parental role and enjoy the freedom to say "no" to the needs of others and "yes" to some of our own desires.

The perfect homemaker pattern also can produce tremendous guilt and anger in other family members. When the home is so clean and neat, people begin to feel guilty about living in it. It's not a museum; it's not being set up for a picture in a magazine. If your adolescent son or daughter feels awful about a speck of dirt on the floor dragged in on the running shoes or about a glass in the sink; the home has become mom's showpiece rather than a place in which people feel comfortable.

Teenagers (and your spouse) should be able to treat

home as their place; that's especially true of their own room. They resent having to keep it "just so" to satisfy mom's compulsions. Teens and adults ought to be able to find in the home a freedom to be "my own miserable self." Sure, there are some limits demanded by consideration for others, but people should be able to move through the home with a sense of relaxation rather than guilt.

Adolescents reach a point when they need to separate from parents. This search for independence and identity becomes very complicated when a parent worries too much and constantly asks about their son's or daughter's friends, whereabouts, drinking, school work, sexual activity, clothing, cleanliness..parents can make teens feel so guilty; this leads to anger and a blow-out is in the works.

Responsible parents need to learn to relax and let go. Some need to learn to behave in a less perfect way. If that inner voice is telling you that you have to keep the house so clean, that you can't stand not knowing where your child is, that you must stay on your teen's back if he is to amount to anything, try to tune down that volume. Your expectations are too high. When you hear these voices, take a deep breath and hold it for a few seconds, then relax. Learn to stop yourself and ask: "Is this really worth it? Am I creating more problems for my kids by acting so responsibly? Do my loved ones represent my being so "good?" What else could I do that would satisfy me more?"

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YOUR BACK
& YOUR HEALTHby Dr. Joseph & Dr. Katherine
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For Dizziness

There are two primary types of dizziness, sometimes known as vertigo. They are: (1) inner ear, and (2) circulatory.

Both types may be produced by drugs, stress, accidents, or by merely whirling about rapidly like many of us did as children.

The primary difference between the inner ear and circulatory dizziness is, in the inner ear type, it is like the merry-go-round or twirling sensation whereas the circulatory type becomes apparent when lying down or bending over and getting up quickly and feeling faint.

It is possible to have both kinds.

Dizziness is not a disease. It is an indication that something is amiss in the delicate balance of our body. The dizzy spells are nature's warning that some disorder is interfering with the proper function of the body's organs, nerves, glands, or muscles.

All of the functions of our body are under the control of the nervous system, which is similar to a highly complex electronic system. The nervous system originates in the brain where nerve energy is transmitted down through the spinal cord inside of our spine and branches out between the vertebrae as spinal nerves.

Occasionally, the spine may twist or curve creating a squeezing pressure so lightly that we are unaware of it except for the symptoms of dizziness.

There are various forms of treatment that may provide a degree of temporary relief, but the proper approach is to locate the CAUSE of the problem and correct it. And that is what we do best. The underlying cause of this type of condition is in many cases associated with spinal misalignments.

The correction of the problem is a gentle pressure on the vertebra of the spine to help the body heal itself as the spine is realigned.

If you suffer with dizziness, why not seek chiropractic care. You may be pleasantly surprised at the result.

S.T.A.R.T.
Exercising...by Patrick Carley, M.S., R.P.T.
S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy
60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-8908

DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:

I was throwing the softball around yesterday because the beginning of softball season is near. Last year my pitching was suffering because of a late season shoulder pain. This year I plan on carrying the weight of the team on my shoulders. I need to avoid the pain of last season. I was wondering if there was some exercise that would help.

Spring Fever With A Hot Shoulder

DEAR FEVERISH:

Supporting the weight of the team on your shoulders could be your first problem. The shoulder is one of the largest joints in the body that is not a primary weight bearing structure. The ball and socket joint is incredibly mobile, allowing us to perform many sports and activities.

However, it was not designed to bear great amounts of weight either gradual or sudden. After great amounts of weight are placed on the shoulder, it can cause either injury, swelling, or pain. This causes us to sit while others participate in those sports or activities.

What you are referring to in your question is commonly called, "throwers shoulder" or tendinitis of the shoulder. It is a result of inflammation or swelling in the shoulder.

Here are three simple exercises to build the muscles around the shoulder to minimize the chance of injury:

1) Flex knees slightly, place non-dominant hand on opposite knee. Spread feet to about shoulder width. Next swing dominant arm across your body in a pendulum motion raising arms up to both sides as far as possible. This is one repetition, to the right and left. If this does not cause pain, put a five-pound weight in the pendulum arm and then swing. Work up to 50 repetitions, then add two pounds and do as many as possible until you reach 50 again. This strengthens muscles in front of the shoulder.

2) Stand straight up and lift your dominant arm parallel to the ground in front of you. Keeping arm stiff hold it for a slow count to five. Next, keeping it parallel to the ground move it to your side for another slow five count. Do 30 repetitions of this motion.

Men should start with a two-pound weight, women with a one. Men should move up with two-pound increments, women should move up in ones. Men should progress to a 10-pound limit, women to a five. Before moving up to the next level, make sure you are able to do 30 repetitions.

3) With your feet together, stand in a conventional doorway. Preferably not the front door, it's still cold out there! With straight arms, push with the backs of your hands against the frame. Count a slow five, then relax. Do 30 of these. When you can do this easily, hold it for a longer count. Also raise your hands above your head and press against the door frame with the backs of your hands there also.

MANAGING
YOUR
STRESSby Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.Take Note: Relaxation Can Be
Learned And Improve Health

DEAR DR. SOBEL:

I'm tired of my husband always telling me that if I "relaxed" more, I'd be better off. I tell him I read your column all the time and that there is much more to relaxation than just to say to a person "go relax."

I tell him that when you learn to relax, there are many health benefits. For his sake and others, please go over what you usually say about relaxation and its relationship to stress management!

K.T., Agawam, MA.

ANSWER:

I understand your frustration! I tell audiences every day that "relaxation" is a learned skill and that there are several distinct things we should feel physically when we are truly relaxed.

The effects of achieving this relaxed state can really produce great physical and mental health benefits. Learning to really relax and understand the physiology of relaxation takes practice. True relaxation helps our immune systems, cardiovascular system, circulation, and many other critical health concerns.

I am usually able to teach this skill in three to four weeks. While your husband may be well-intentioned, perhaps him learning more about "clinical" relaxation would be helpful.

Clinically, relaxation is being used for a large range of disorders/illnesses. These include the management of the side effects of such medical procedures as kidney dialysis and cancer chemotherapy, gastro intestinal problems like irritable bowel syndrome, insomnia, emphysema, and skin disorders. Researchers are just beginning to really sort out which relaxation techniques work best with medical problems.

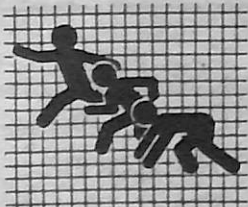
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For Your Health - continued.....

The Truth About The Problem Of Obesity

by Jack Lazzarini
Registered Dietitian

OBESITY. It's one of the most perplexing health problems today. Just ask any of 34 million Americans who are obese and in search of the secret diet plan that will end their suffering.

While an estimated \$12 billion is spent annually to endure the latest diet and exercise regimens, few obese individuals end up with the picture-perfect physique they set out to obtain. More familiar is the chronic guilt and lowered self-esteem that results from failed attempts at losing weight.

On the surface its remedy appears simple enough—eat less. However, with growing knowledge of its cause and treatment, we come to learn that obesity has long been misunderstood and has no simple solution.

In fact, obesity is an intricate medical disorder that necessitates serious medical attention, not a quick fix diet or the latest exercise video.

To weigh your current knowledge against the latest findings in obesity research, test your answers against the following true and false statements:

1. **T or F** Obesity is a chronic disease.
2. **T or F** Obesity is characterized by excessive weight that is determined by a scale and standard height-weight table.
3. **T or F** Persons who are obese are often at substantial risk for developing major health problems and shortened lifespan.
4. **T or F** In order to reverse associated health risks, an obese person need only lose 10-15 percent of the extra weight.
5. **T or F** Most obese persons eat uncontrollably and consume more food than persons of average weight.
6. **T or F** A person who is obese will have the same number of fat cells as a person of average weight.
7. **T or F** Through the proper weight loss program, most moderate and severely obese persons can expect to reduce their weight to that considered average for their height.
8. **T or F** Weight cycling (repeated dieting followed by repeated weight gain), results in a more permanent

(untreatable) form of obesity.

9. **T or F** Your chances of becoming obese are greater if your parents are obese.

ANSWERS

1. **TRUE** - Obesity was first recognized as a chronic disease by the National Institutes of Health in 1985. To date, no cure exists for this perplexing illness; however, its symptoms are treatable.

2. **FALSE** - While excess weight usually accompanies obesity, it is more specifically characterized by an excessive accumulation of body fat and is determined through measurements of body composition.

3. **TRUE** - According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, many major studies now show that obesity directly contributes to the development of major health problems including Type II (non-insulin dependent) diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol levels, cardiovascular disease, and certain types of cancer. Obesity also affects mortality in direct proportion to the amount of excess weight.

4. **TRUE** - In a retrospective study done by George Blackburn, M.D., Ph.D., Harvard Medical School, it was shown that a loss of only 10 to 15 percent of total body weight is required to significantly improve heart function, blood pressure, glucose (blood-sugar) tolerance, sleep disorders, respiratory function, cholesterol levels, and requirements for medication in nine out of 10 patients.

5. **FALSE** - Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania found that many obese individuals do not eat more than persons of average weight. Excessive weight gain is thought to be brought on by a complex matrix of genetic, biological, environmental, and lifestyle factors.

6. **FALSE** - An adult of normal body weight will have approximately 30-35 billion fat cells which increase in size as weight is gained. However, a severely obese person will not only experience an increase in fat cell size, but may also undergo an increase in fat cell number. A person weighing 300 pounds or more may have as many as 100-150 billion fat cells.

7. **FALSE** - Once an excess number of fat cells has developed, dieting can only reduce the fat cell size. Therefore, an obese person will still have a greater number of fat cells making it physically impossible to reduce to the weight of someone with an average number of fat cells while remaining healthy.

8. **TRUE** - As presented at a recent meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity, many animal studies indicate that repeated weight cycling results in an increase in intestinal enzymes, fat storing hormones, and food efficiency (i.e., it takes less food to gain each pound). This leads to a more rapid weight regain and resistant weight loss.

9. **TRUE** - If one of your parents is obese, you have a 40 percent greater chance of becoming obese. If both parents are obese, your chances of becoming obese increase to 80 percent.

Many casual weight loss programs and tactics can be helpful to individuals who have between 10-30 pounds to lose. However, most obese individuals require much more than a simple diet or exercise plan, especially when other related medical conditions are present. It should be acknowledged that obesity is a complex medical problem necessitating attention by health care professionals specially trained in its treatment.

In searching for proper treatment, the obese person would do well to seek out a medically-based clinic which offers a multi-disciplinary approach to **sustained** weight management. Therapies should include, but not be limited to, behavioral, nutritional, exercise, and medical help which together promote positive lifestyle change.

NOTE:

Jack L. Lazzarini, R.D., is the Program Director for the OPTIFAST Program at Providence Hospital, Holyoke, Massachusetts. For further information, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The Western Area Massachusetts Dietetic Association, P.O. Box 4474, Springfield, MA, 01001.

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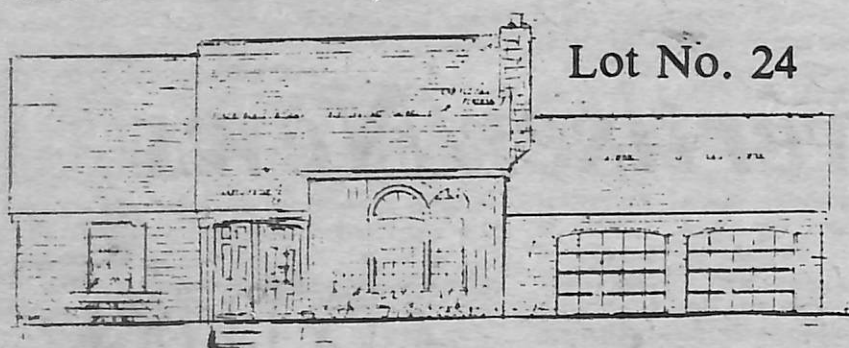
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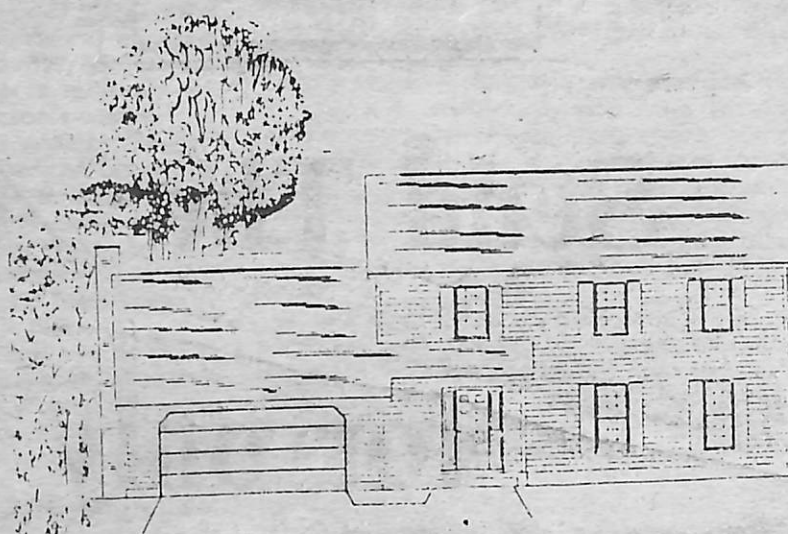
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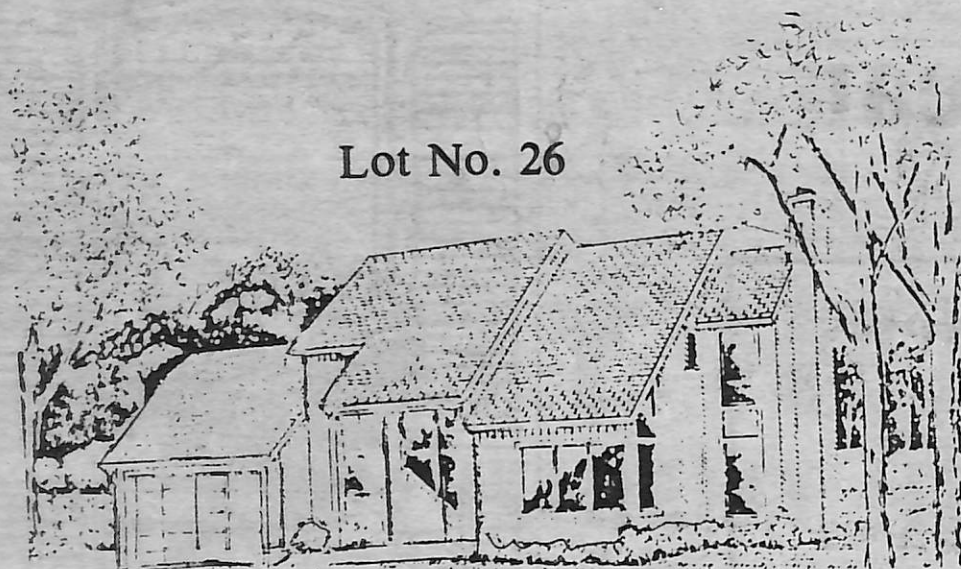
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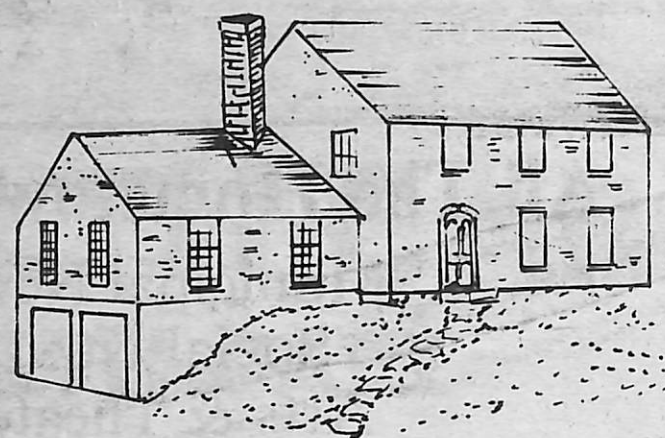
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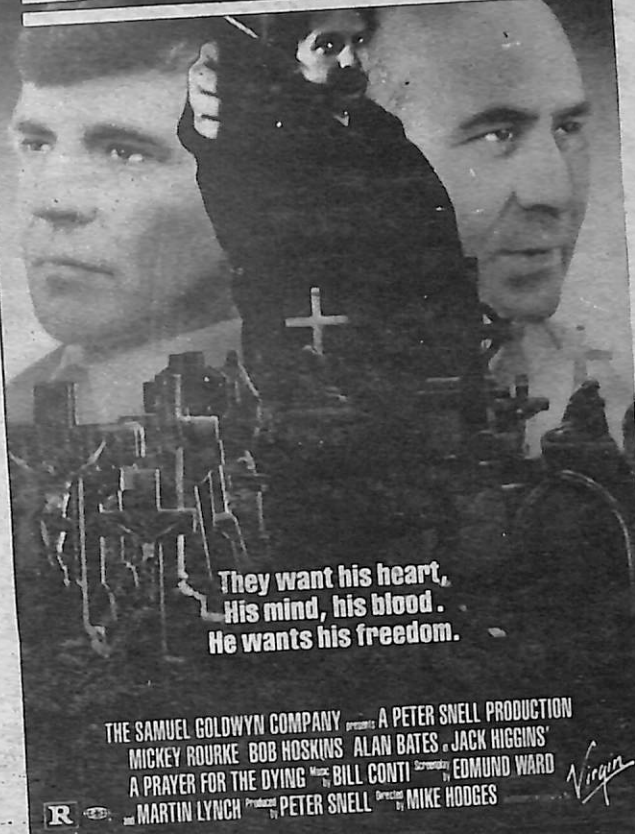
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News, Activities & Calendar Of Events At Agawam Senior Center

Agawam Council On Aging Calendar For March: (Services and Events)

March 1st: Blood Pressure Clinic, 1:00 p.m. A-L.

March 2nd: Podiatry Clinic, 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., by appointment.

March 2nd: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment

March 8th: Presidential Primary Election, rides to the poll available.

March 8th: Council On Aging meeting, 4:30 p.m.

March 8th: 12:30 p.m. program, Sy Becker, "A L-O-O-OK At The Movies."

March 9th: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

March 15th: Blood Pressure Clinic, 1:00 p.m. M-Z.

March 16th: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

March 17th: 12:30 p.m., Agawam Junior High School String Orchestra.

March 17th: Foot Nurses, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by appointment.

March 22nd: Energy Bingo, by Northeast Utilities, 12:30 p.m.

March 23rd: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

March 30th: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

ACTIVITIES:

March 8th, 12:30 p.m.: Special guest, Sy Becker and "A L-O-O-OK At the Movies."

March 17th, 11:45 a.m.: St. Patrick's Day special menu and entertainment. Reserva-

tions will open Monday, March 7th. Only two reservations per person will be accepted. All reservations will be numbered as they are received.

New Opportunity: For beginners only! Organ lessons will be available and scheduled for Thursday afternoons. For more information, call Activities Department, 786-0400, extension 242. Ask for Sandra.

Coming in April, Cholesterol Screening, by appointment. Fee, \$3.

TRIPS FOR 1988:

April 17th and 18th: Fall River, Vanity Fair, and much more. Please visit or call the Ticket Booth for more information on accommodations, etc.

April 12th: White Hart Inn, Banquet Theatre, Salisbury, Connecticut. \$29.75.

May 19th: West Point, Gash of Japan, Brotherhood Winery. \$34.

July 21st: Spirit of Boston, Lobster Clam Bake, plus a tour of the Mapparium-Western Hemisphere.

August 9th: Luncheon cruise around Manhattan Island by World Yacht Cruises. \$43 per person includes all gratuities.

October: Le Grand David Majic Show, Larcom Theatre, Beverly, Massachusetts, with lunch at Kings Grant Inn, Danvers, Massachusetts.

If you would like more information on any Senior Center trip, feel free to call 786-0122 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday when the Ticket Booth is open.

From "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center":

The Board of Directors and officers of "Friends," welcome more new members for 1988, and extend a thank-you for their support. They include **Margaret McComb, Teri C. Mayer, Mabel Miller, Walter & Henrietta Monczka, Mary Moran, Beatrice Monteiro, Eleanor O'Connell, Raymond McMillan, Jeanette & Don McCave, and Charles McCoob.**

Membership applications are available at the Senior Center Ticket Booth. One does not have to be a senior citizen to join "Friends," only a resident of Agawam. Membership dues are only \$3, and new members are always welcome.

During the month of March, with each new membership application, you will receive a "Book of Poetry," a \$2 value.

Wanted: Walk Leaders, free training and certification, one-day workshop, April 7th.

"Keep Moving" was designed by the executive office of Elder Affairs to promote fitness, exercise, and socialization for adults 50 years and older. As part of the "Keep Moving" program, a statewide network of walking clubs has been initiated. Persons interested in starting a walking club in Agawam are trained and certified as leaders.

The Activities Department is in search of leaders to represent the Senior Center as well as out in the community. All interested persons may contact Activities Director, Sandra Smith, 786-0400, extension 242.

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Arts

Acting Strong Point Of Encore Players's Latest

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Through his plays, the late Noel Coward was known as a satiric chronicler of England's upper-class society, and his brand of sophisticated wit is sure to be found in the 1934 operetta *Conversation Piece*, the current production of the Encore Players.

The two-act, musically-oriented comedy, which ran last Thursday through Saturday, has four more performances scheduled for this Thursday through Sunday (March 3rd through 6th). The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows begin at 8:00 p.m., and the Sunday performance is a matinee which begins at 2:00 p.m. All shows are in the downstairs theater of Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue (at the corner of White Street and Sumner Avenue), Springfield.

Taking place in England during the Regency-era of the early 1800's, *Conversation Piece* tells the story of a scheme that is being carried out by a middle-aged man named Paul (Jim Rodrigue). A penniless member of the aristocratic set, Paul is anxious to ensure that his future years are financially well-off, so he employs the feminine charms of Melanie (Ellie St. Amand), a young French woman from the streets who is under his care.

Posing as a rich man himself and passing Melanie off as a wealthy and well-bred orphan, Paul hopes to have her meet and wed a young man from a family that represents the cream of the crop of Britain's upper class. Therefore, when Melanie is sure to become a part of such a family, Paul will make certain that he gets a great deal of monetary satisfaction from the ensuing marriage.

As his plan progresses, a prospective bridegroom for Melanie turns out to be Edward (Terry Moriarty), a young man who has fallen desperately in love with her. But, while there's a problem within Edward's family that serves as a stumbling block to a possible marriage, Melanie herself wishes deep down that she would become Paul's wife because she has had romantic feelings for him ever since she met him.

Conversation Piece is an amusing comedy of manners that not only pokes fun at the uppity and pretentious behavior of some well-to-do English people, but also deals with the affairs of the heart in a most humorous manner. As an example of the play's droll style, the character of Paul is used to satirize the sort of misguided individual who is extremely infatuated with money and, yet, does not realize that his greatest treasure is in the form of a person who loves him very much.

Meanwhile, in Noel Coward's typical fashion, this farce boasts a number of downright hilarious moments wherein upper-crust men and women say and do things which prove that wealth and brains do not necessarily go hand in hand.

On the opening-night performance (Thursday, February 25th) of this Encore Players production, I must admit that there were a couple of problems. Some of the performers sometimes forgot their lines and accidentally spoke at the same time, and, on a technical level, a few of the lighting cues were off the mark.

However, on the plus side, the solid piano playing by musical director Margaret Hill Sarno, the skillful choreography by Roxanne Sale, and the generally fine efforts of director Flo Healy did, nonetheless, render *Conversation Piece* as an entertaining show, and I'm sure that its initial shortcomings will be worked out by the time that the latter performances are presented.

The large cast of this play is made up of 15 members, and most of these actors and actresses are in memorable roles that are worthy of mention. Serving as narrators-cum-hostesses for the show, Anny Kertanis, Joy Iloff, and Katie Van Vorse are delightful as a trio of bubbly, middle-class Englishwomen. Miss Van Vorse, in particular, is especially funny because her character has a penchant for drinking liquids that are considerably stronger than tea.

In the part of a maid named Rose, Jane Kleter conveys a personality that is both quick-witted and inquisitive, and these qualities sometimes aggravate Paul, who is her employer. As Edward, the young man who longs to marry Melanie, Moriarty projects the appropriate amount of lovesick and naive charm.

As the story progresses, we are introduced to Lady Julia, a middle-aged woman who once knew Paul and who has always harbored fond feelings for him. Well-portrayed by Mary Bernard, this character throws a wrench into Paul's self-serving scheme.

In the roles of Edward's parents, the Duke and Duchess of Beneden, Wayne Robertson and Irene Scanlon make the most of these minor characters. Miss Scanlon, a former resident of Agawam, is quite humorous by displaying a stuffy persona that gets easily flustered when things don't go her way; moreover, in a technical capacity, she also deserves much credit for providing this production with a variety of colorful and well-crafted costumes.



JIM RODRIGUE and ELLIE ST. AMAND in the Encore Players' production of Noel Coward's *Conversation Piece*.

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PRIVATE DETECTIVE PHIL PRATHER of Springfield (center) gets everyone's attention in the Suffield Players' "Murder-Mystery" production of "Decidely Deadly." Also in photo are Kim Wilker of Somers, Ed Gogulski of Suffield, and Kelly Seip of Springfield, who react to his unorthodox method.

Suffield Players Open Spring Production - *Evening Of Murder*

Suffield: With opening night here for the Suffield Players, the popular group is already boasting that four of the seven performances of "An Evening of Murder & Mystery" are sold-out.

Celebrating their 35th anniversary, the Players' production, which includes two plays - the classic, one-act play, "Sorry, Wrong Number," and an original comic-drama-whodunit "Decidely Deadly," are slated to run March 3rd, 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th.

Seating has been limited to 110 because of the intimacy of Mapleton Hall and the use of floor space for both staging and cabaret seating.

"Because this is an audience-participation mystery, I wanted to have actors and the audience in close proximity. With many audience members right next to the actors, we have given new meaning to the phrase 'reach out and touch someone,'" said Lyle Pearsons of Suffield, artistic director.

"It may be the uniqueness of the audience participation in murder-dramas, and their growing popularity that has caused our tickets to sell so far in advance," said Gene Biggio, who, along with Pearsons and George Chartier helped pen the new mystery.

Chartier said, "We also created a larger audience base from those who came to see the Players' fall extravaganza, "Jesus Christ Superstar". When over 2,100 people come to see you at the Suffield High School, you only need a 40 percent to fill the entire run at Mapleton Hall."

The Players, who expanded their winter production dates to three weekends in anticipation of the large ticket-sale response, are now contemplating extra performances.

"If ticket sales continue as they are, we are going to have a lot of disappointed people who usually wait until after we open," said Marilyn Juneau of West Suffield.

Ms. Juneau, who manages the box office, recorded 80 tickets sales in one evening. "And I thought this was going to be easier after "Superstar"," joked Ms. Juneau.

To make reservations for Players' performances still available, or to get on a waiting list for those sold-out, please call 627-5749. Tickets are \$5 for opening Thursday and the first Friday, and \$10 for the first Saturday, including the after-show gala, and \$7 for all other nights. Audiences will be required to sign a sworn-to-secrecy statement enclosed in their detective kits when they arrive.

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Family History Course To Begin March 13th

Ever thought about starting a diary? Or maybe you're a genealogist and want to write a family history but don't know where to start? Guy McLain, Archivist and Genealogy Librarian at the Springfield City Library, will present a two-session discussion and workshop on how to write a diary or family history at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum on March 13th and 20th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For the genealogists, there will be an explanation of how to create family tree charts and how these charts can assist you in putting together a vivid history of your family. Included in the activities will be a discussion of how these "treasures in the attic" (like all those old letters, photographs, and memorabilia you stashed away years ago) can be put together to create a living portrait of your family's history.

Also included in the two sessions will be a discussion of the valuable information that can be gleaned from diaries and family histories and why it's important for you to keep these "annals of yesterday." Excerpts from famous and not so famous diaries will be discussed to illustrate this point, and actual 18th and 19th-century diaries and letters from the Springfield City Library archives will be on display.

Prior to his appointment at the library, McLain served as a member of the University of Massachusetts archival staff. There he organized several significant

historical collections including the Frank Prentice Rand Papers, and the Chancellor Oswald Tippe Collection.

Since coming to the Springfield City Library, he has organized the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company Collection, the Ames Sword Company Collection, and the Roger L. Putnam Papers, among others. He has a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Rhode Island, and a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Massachusetts.

McLain, who is a popular area speaker, is author of *The Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company: An Archival Guide*, and has contributed to the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*.

The cost for these two workshops is \$6 for members, and \$8 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required; please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080, if you would like more information.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

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Robertson, in the meantime, almost steals the show by depicting the Duke of Beneden as a very friendly gentleman who always has his eyes on other ladies, regardless of their age. I have seen this talented actor portray philandering men in the past, and his performances in these parts are always enjoyable to watch and always enhance the comical atmosphere of the plays in which he performs.

Although he was a bit stiff during the opening-night performance, Rodrigue did turn in a decent performance as Paul. His approach to this character combines a gruff exterior with a deep-down sense of kindness and geniality, and these qualities managed to come through in spite of what seemed to be a mild case of stage fright on Rodrigue's part.

As Melanie, Miss St. Amand delivers the finest acting in this staging of *Conversation Piece*. Being a petite young woman, as well as speaking with a lilting voice and a most credible French accent, this impressive actress uses these physical and vocal attributes to perfectly complement her character's winsome and alluring personality.

What's more, Miss St. Amand exudes a strong-willed and cunningly intelligent temperament, thereby letting us know that Melanie is not only the kind of person who is stubborn when it comes to what she wants out of life, but who is also smart enough to figure out ways in which to make sure that she gets what she wants.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for the *Encore Players'* production of *Conversation Piece* are \$6 (general admission) and \$5 (seniors and students) for the Friday and Saturday evening performances, and all seats are \$4 for the Thursday evening show and the Sunday matinee. They can be purchased at the door prior to each performance, or reserved by calling 737-0918.

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Art Museum Offers Oil Painting Class

Looking for an art class that looks at oil painting from new and creative perspectives? Consider signing up for **Oil Painting: Looking In** or **Oil Painting: Looking Out**, offered this spring by the School of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

Taught by artist Dorothy Osterman, **Looking In** will focus on drawing and painting from personal images. Osterman encourages students to come to this class with dreams, photographs, sketches from your imagination and a willingness to relax and be stimulated by images from the self.

The class will include a series of exercises designed to help feelings and sensitivity find form in line and color. As the weeks progress, you will learn how to incorporate this imagery as you work on an oil painting.

In Oil Painting: Looking Out, students will draw and paint from a model and/or still life. One session will be devoted to sketching and preparing a canvas for oil painting. The emphasis will be on capturing the world around you using line, form, and color to express personal responses to what can be seen, heard, touched, and experienced in a physical way.

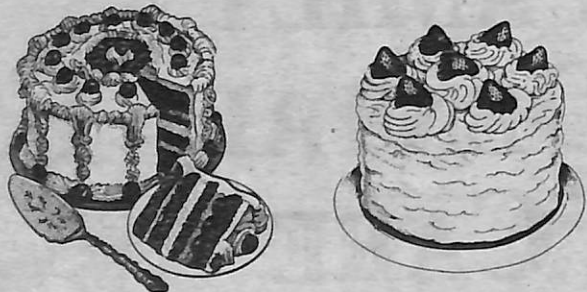
No previous painting experience will be necessary for either course.

Walk-in registration will take place from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 6th. Mail-in registrations will be accepted from Monday, March 7th, to Friday, April 1st. Classes begin the week of April 4th.

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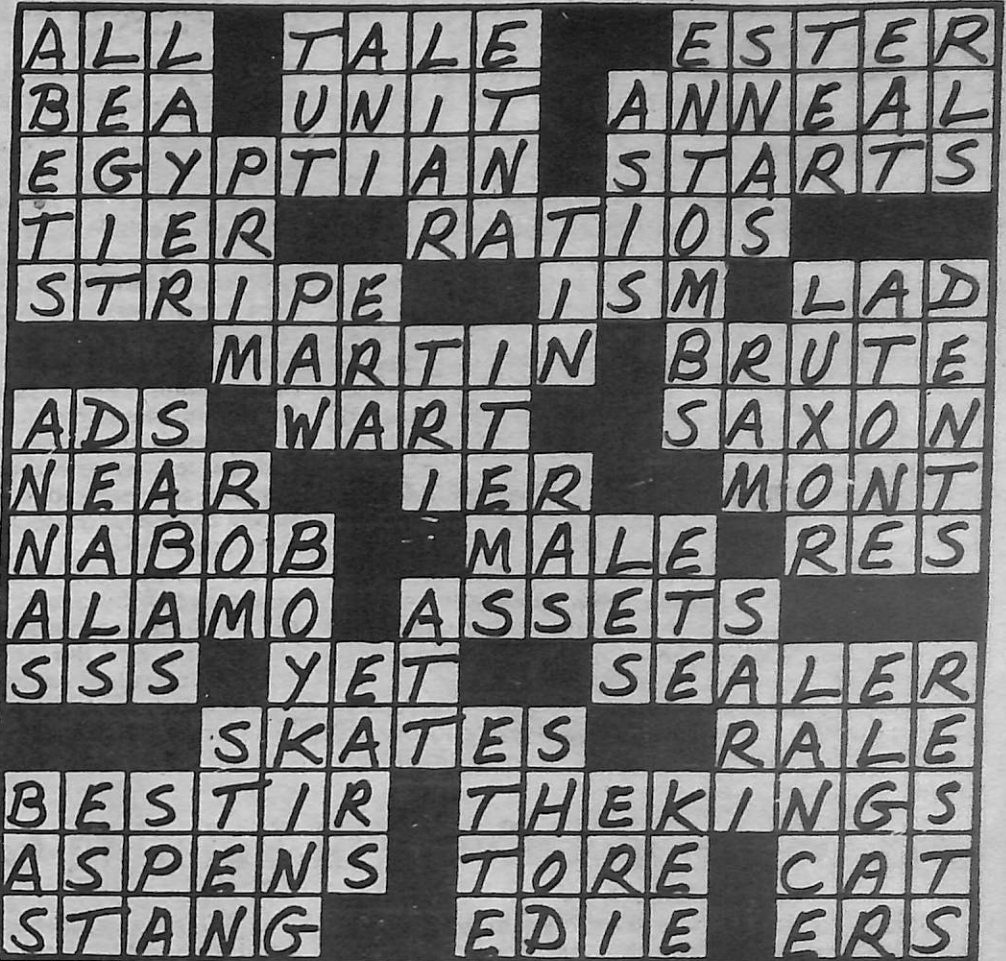
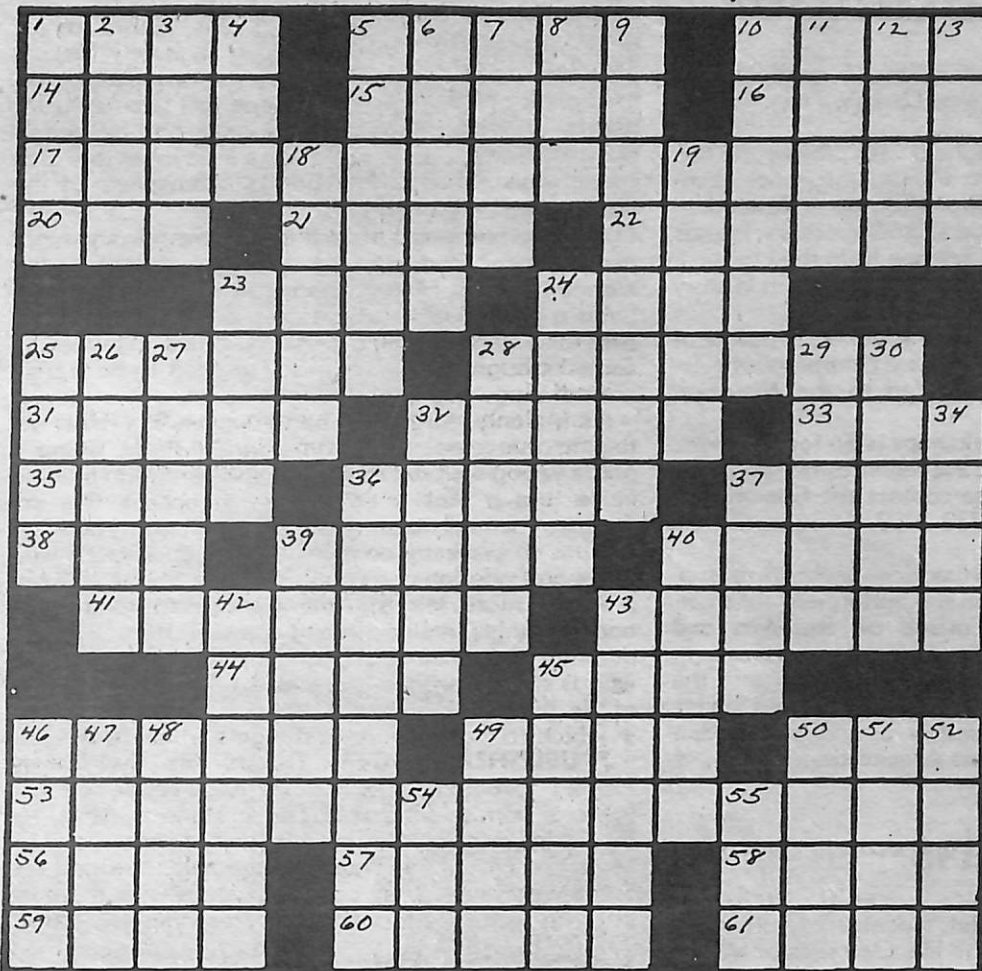


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Ingredients:
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 ¼ cup sour cream
 1/8 teaspoon tobasco sauce
 ½ cup mayonnaise
 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
 1 clove garlic minced
 ½ teaspoon dry mustard
 ½ teaspoon basil
 ½ teaspoon oregano
 ½ teaspoon thyme
 ¼ cup grated cheese, a blend of Romano and
 Parmesan is nice in this
 Parsley, salt, and pepper to taste.

Ingredients:
 1 cup crabmeat, cut up small
 2 chopped hard boiled eggs
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, or to taste
 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Fresh parsley for decoration

Method:
 Mix the crabmeat with the egg and the other ingre-

dients and mix well. This can be served on crackers or vegetables, but is nice if served on buttered toast. Cut the bread with a cookie cutter for an attractive shape; then toast and butter (this can be done in the oven or a frying pan). Spread the crabmeat onto each toast and decorate with a fresh sprig of parsley.

Ingredients:
12 large mushrooms, or enough for four for each person
1 onion, minced
3 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper to taste
Grated cheese

Stuff the mushroom caps with this mixture and sprinkle with grated cheese. Place the caps under the broiler until the cheese melts, and serve warm on buttered toast rounds.

Ingredients:
6 hard boiled eggs
¼ cup ground ham
1 teaspoon dry mustard
Mayonnaise
Salt and pepper to taste, remember ham
is salty, so you may want to only use a little.
1 teaspoon parsley
Method: °

Remove the shells from the eggs and cut into half lengthways. Take out the yolks and mash them with a fork in a small bowl. Blend in other ingredients using just enough mayonnaise to hold the mixture together. Refill the whites of the eggs. You may do this with a pastry bag or a spoon. Garnish with fresh parsley, olive slices, or paprika.

by Julie Mercadante
Fugazy Travel



Terry & Ted Cieplinski of Southwick recently returned from a trip to Hawaii. They stayed at the Waikiki Outrigger Hotel which is centrally located on Waikiki Beach. They found the hotel to be comfortable, the swimming area excellent (they swam every day), and the water warm. The temperature in January was in the 80's with no humidity.

For dining they enjoyed "Perry's Smorgy" restaurants. There are three locations and one was conveniently located at their hotel, the "Outrigger." The excellent food is served buffet style, and the prices are reasonable. They enjoyed walking the streets of Honolulu day or night. Shopping at the International Market Place was fun and there were many good buys. The city is clean, seems to be insect free, and the people are warm and friendly. Terry's description of Hawaii is "HEAVEN." They hated to leave.

Smith & Barbara Rovelli and family of Feeding Hills recently returned from St. Maarten where they stayed at the Belair Beach Hotel. They rated the service and accommodations at Belair as excellent and the island "a good choice." The weather was great, and there was lots to do, and they had a great time once they got there!!! I know first-hand what it's like trying to depart on a trip after a snowstorm, but the problems they had due to the snow were compounded by one problem after another. Getting there wasn't easy, but the important thing is that they eventually did and everything from that point on was great.

Such a confusing business! Until recently the lowest "super saver" airfares to Florida were for travel Monday noon through Thursday noon, and Saturday noon until Sunday noon. Tickets had to be purchased within 24 hours of making the reservation and at least two days prior to departure. The tickets are non-refundable.

On February 25th, there were ads in the paper by Eastern, Piedmont, and Delta announcing the days of

United has just announced fare increases effective February 28th, with some four-day advance purchase requirements for certain areas. All of the above could change at a moment's notice, and may or may not be in effect when you read this article. The lowest fare currently being advertised to Florida is \$180 round trip to Miami (remember that you must travel on certain days of the week).

"Who can explain it, who can tell me why? Fools give you reasons, wise men never try!"

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Participants should bring the following supplies to the first class: a pail or bucket measuring at least 10"X10", utility knife, awl, 12 clip clothespins, scissors, pencil, measuring tape, and dental floss.

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Education

Project S.E.E. Students Celebrate Medieval Europe With Banquet

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam Middle School Project S.E.E. students with faculty member Evelyn Lester have been studying Medieval Europe.

The two sixth grade classes were assigned individual activities on life during the Middle Ages, and researched the economics, politics, and social classes. The students were grouped into monarchies (kingdoms) for the projects, and told in advance that they would receive points for their research.

The monarch which received the most points was then honored at a Medieval Banquet held in Mrs. Lester's classroom, Friday, February 26th. Students wore their own costumes to distinguish their social classes and planned the feast menu and seating arrangements.

A baldachin of rich material was draped above the head table for the honored monarchy facing the rows of other tables at the banquet hall. The ruling kings and queens were the only seated guests during the feast. Social classes of lords, ladies, knights, squires, pages, and peasants determined the proximity within the head table which the other guests were allowed to dine.

Before the meal was served, the "Ceremony of Homage" was performed. The students also researched the proper procedure and form used for this ceremony. The lords knelt with folded hands before the king to pledge their homage (reverential respect) to the monarchs. The lords then unshielded their swords to perform the knighting ceremony.

After the formalities, a pie of "four and twenty blackbirds" made by Jamie Lewis was opened by the monarch and the festivities began. Trenchers (stale bread used for plates) sufficed for the only table setting and no silverware was used, true to this sometimes barbaric era. Food of nuts, fruits, cheeses, vegetables, and meats were enjoyed by all.

The lowly peasants received the food that remained after the hall had been served. The pages (servants) brought a bowl of water for all to wash afterward.

Fifth grade students had constructed some innovative instruments and some replicas from the Middle Ages as their project. These included a xylophone, a colorful array of liquid-filled bottles, guitars, etc. Music was a great pastime during this period of history, said Mrs. Lester.

Upon the completion of ceremonies and the feast of the Medieval Banquet, the two sixth grade classes all joined hands to form a circle for dancing. Mrs. Lester taught the children a genuine Medieval dance from the 'slipping step' to a 'skipping step'. The song was entitled "Sellenger's Round," and the music on tape was courtesy of Agawam Middle School's music teacher Dorothy Heggarty.



SQUIRES, PAGES, AND PEASANTS greatly outnumbered the lords and ladies back in Medieval Europe, but not at the Project S.E.E. banquet. This group included Matthew Davignon, Kerry Thompson, Jessie Muelleur, Angela Singer, Corey Chianciola, Rene Chicklas, Joseph Willis, Amy Annino, and Michelle Hauguel.

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MONARCHS, LORDS, LADIES, AND KNIGHTS - Tiffany Maleshefski, Alison Jean, Andrew Clark, Amanda Sunny, Katie Berry, Michelle Dutton, Marie Fortier, Robert Settembro, Debra Parslow, Gregory Bergeron, Eric Mastroianni, and Josef Scherpa. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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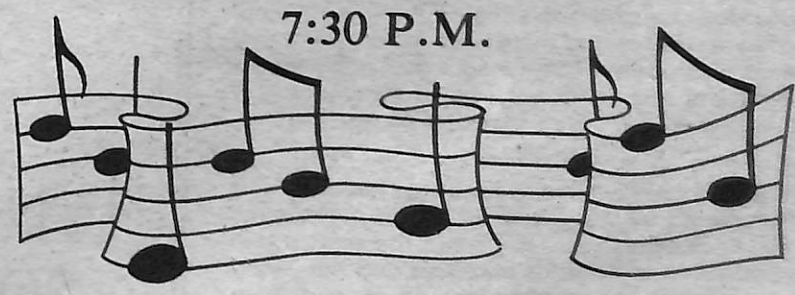
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Group Moves Forward On New "PTO" At AHS

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The commitments of both parents to the working world over the past decade has made their role in school activities and event participation increasingly difficult, but not impossible. The need to keep communication open between parents, students, and teachers at home and in school has spirited Agawam High School to form an organization for parents and teachers/staff.

The organizational meeting held early in February had a good response in attendance, including a member of the AHS *Mirror* staff. Approximately 18 items were discussed, and a date was set for the first meeting, Tuesday, February 23rd, in the high school cafeteria.

At that meeting (approximately 35 attended), faculty member Miriam Mackler presided as acting president and began addressing an "agenda" of business. The first discussion entailed the development of a questionnaire for students to survey their interests, concerns, and expectations from the school. Mrs. Mackler then suggested the group should also invite students to join the organization or have student representatives. This was received quite favorably. A *Mirror* staff student, who was taking photographs during the meeting, said she felt that students would be pleased.

The issue of parent interest in discipline seemed to extend beyond the school's "Student Guide" book which outlines a discipline code, including the attendance policy. The new alcohol and drug policy at AHS that was passed out to each student and had to be signed by parents and returned to school at the beginning of the year was hailed by Mrs. Mackler as a positive step, but parents felt the major concern was in "respect for teachers."

At this point, it was decided that sub-committees should be formed to assist in completing decisive action for the various items and/or activities. A special interest group in the problem of divided school spirit was suggested by one parent, who brought up the students' mixed emotions over past issues relevant to this area. Other special interests or concerns were regarding AIDS, social problems, and student time (due to outside employment, etc.).

Special interests branched into special needs with the discussion of an Academic Booster Club. Special ed instructor (AHS Room 87) Lisa Chambers felt the formation of this club would benefit from the inclusion of meeting requirements for special needs students. She said this would be an opportunity to insure the basic and fundamental needs of all students be met, and that the well-being of each and every student at the high school was essential.

AHS teacher Joanne Brown showed the group a sample newsletter from Minnechaug Regional High School to suggest a format for their own written communication. The example included a message from the principal, Guidance Department, colleges, S.A.T. dates and places, meeting dates, and a calendar of events. The newsletter also had write-ups of noteworthy accomplishments of students and teachers alike. Barbara Connery, vice president of the American Field Service program in town (AFS), volunteered to chair this committee.

Irene Zielenski will head the "Telephone Tree" to keep people notified of upcoming meetings. It was decided that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16th, at 7:30 p.m., in the AHS cafeteria. Acting secretary Jackie Pressey (also an AHS teacher) said, "I have been keeping up with Public Relations to date, so I will be on that committee."

SCHOOL DEPT. EDITOR'S NOTE:

It was interesting to note at this meeting that there were many teachers in attendance, and that they were volunteering so much effort to see an organization form at AHS. Teachers at this meeting seemed to have developed specific areas of concern, and were seeking assistance to solve them after fighting the problems without parental involvement (on an organizational level) at the school.

In contrast, at the elementary level the majority of effort seems to come from the parental side of these organizations. Parents who are concerned and care about assisting in the quality of education can be found in abundance. The lesson to absorb from these observations may be that our community is acknowledging the efforts on the part of the School Committee, administration, teachers, parents, and students are required in order to prevent the scale from tipping against quality education. As with all things in nature, a balance between home and school must also be maintained throughout our students' academic years to insure a good future for the entire community.

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Ceremony Of Homage



MICHELLE DUTTON and Marie Fortier of Project S.E.E. at the Middle School perform a "Ceremony of Homage." (RELATED STORY & PICTURES on Page 36). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Rotary Club Treats Essay Winners To Honorary Luncheon

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Rotary Club of Agawam invited Agawam Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella and sixth grade winners **Jennifer Schuster**, **Paul Shannon**, and **Lisa Ferioli** to an honorary luncheon Wednesday, February 24th, at Storowton Village. The luncheon was an added reward to a contest sponsored earlier this month by the Rotary Club for sixth graders in Agawam.

The contest was part of an informational program entitled, "Get Smart, Don't Start—Just Say No," about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Middle School sixth grade science teachers Mary Lou Sgueglia and Ann Mahoney initiated all sixth grade students to the program by having students view a film, "You Can Say No To A Drink Or A Drug," and followed with class discussions.

Mrs. Sgueglia and Mrs. Mahoney then assigned each student an essay about the subject. When the assignments were completed, the two science teachers read each essay and judged the papers for three top contestants, who later received savings bonds from the Rotary Club.

Zavarella said, "Mrs. Sgueglia and Mrs. Mahoney worked very hard at presenting the program and the discussions which followed. It was a very difficult job judging and selecting contestant winners. We were very grateful to them for all their efforts."

At the luncheon, Zavarella thanked the Rotary Club and James Bruno (superintendent of schools and a member of the Rotary Club) for assisting with the program, the awards, and the sports bags that were given to all students who participated.

First place winner Jennifer (essay appeared in Guest Editorial of *The Advertiser News* in the February 11th issue) and Paul and Lisa each read their winning essay papers to the Rotary Club during the luncheon.

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Middle School GUIDANCE NEWS

by Ellen Freeman and Thomas Dacey
Middle School Guidance Counselors

The Middle School counselors have been making an ongoing project this year of instructing the students on study skills. During the past several weeks, the counselors have been visiting each homeroom in the school with a videotape presentation.

These tapes show an actual school classroom in which the students discuss various study skills and methods with the goal of improving their marks. After the students view these tapes, the Middle School counselors discuss their implications with the students.

The tapes address such topics as listening skills, taking good notes, making good outlines, copying down assignments, proper methods of studying at home, and effective use of textbooks. The students gain new insights into these areas from viewing the videotape and from instruction by the counselors.

By way of information to parents this month, **warning slips will be issued on or about March 4th** to students doing poorly in any subject at the Middle School.

If your child does receive a warning, please try to work with your child and the school to improve his or her marks. The counselors will be calling some parents whose children receive warnings in several subjects. However, the counselors welcome calls from any concerned parent.

Kevin Kamyk Awarded Degree By Western New England Coll.

Kevin Kamyk of Agawam was among the 160 undergraduate, graduate, and law students recently awarded degrees by Western New England College and the Western New England College School of Law.

Kamyk received a bachelor of science in business administration degree.

Western New England College is a private, coeducational institution serving more than 6,500 full-time and part-time students each year with undergraduate and graduate programs in its Schools of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.

Spring Art Courses For Kids Start Soon

Sure signs of spring in this area include melting snow, rising temperatures, the shrill call of the red-breasted robin, and registration for spring art courses for adults and children at the School of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum. Walk-in registration will take place from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 6th, at the School of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

Among the course offerings for children are the following: **Playgroup; Water All Around Me; Cartooning; Comic Books; Art and Imagination; Things with Wings; and Sculpture: Living in the Future.**

Youngsters ages seven to nine can also enroll in the ever-popular course, **Mummies, Myths and Hieroglyphs**, a Saturday morning workshop in which participants explore the museum's mummy case and learn about ancient Egypt.

Adults can sign up for an array of course offerings, including: sculpture, calligraphy, embroidery, watercolor, printmaking, and pastel portraiture.

According to Art School Coordinator Maren Brown, two new weekend workshops will offer adults unique art-making experiences this spring.

In **Ukiyo-e: Woodblock Printmaking**, students will have a rare opportunity to study the ancient art form of Japanese woodblock printmaking with instructor Keiji Shinohara. Shinohara, one of only 100 artisans in the world trained in this craft, will use the museum's extensive collection of woodblock prints to illuminate class discussion.

The Art of Heraldry, another new course, will explore a tradition that harks back to a colorful past and continues today in the form of family crests and national coat of arms. After studying the history and symbolism of heraldry, students will design their own coat of arms.

Mail-in registrations will be taken from Monday, March 7th, to Friday, April 1st. Classes begin the week of April 4th.

For more information, call the Education Department, 733-4214.

Marching Mohawks & Jazz Band Shine

Members of the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks Color Guard took several first place awards at a Color Guard Festival at Holyoke High School, Sunday, February 27th.

Schools from three states gathered for individual and group competition on the gym floor with three judges from the University of Massachusetts offering taped comments and scores.

Agawam High entered two groups in the Guard Contest, and took both the first and second places in that event with scores of 83.6 and 81.6, respectively. Groups from Holyoke, Brattleboro, Vermont, and Enrico Fermi High School of Enfield took the remaining awards in that division with scores ranging from 76 to 56.

Also performing in exhibition were the University of Massachusetts Spitfires and the Zenith Color Guard.

Agawam's individual performers, **Krystie Wage** (on baton) and **Karen Twarog** and **Elizabeth Marzano** (in rifle duet) also took the first place awards in those events, along with the outstanding solo and duet awards on various items of color guard equipment.

The Agawam High Jazz Band, under the direction of Scott Thomson, gave another super performance at the Western District Jazz Festival of the Massachusetts Jazz Educators Association.

The contest assembled 12 schools from the four western counties, and Agawam was once more nudged-out of the top spot by the Longmeadow Jazz Ensemble, but will be joining Longmeadow at the state finals in Fitchburg March 12th.

Individual awards were given to Agawam students **Jeff MacKechnie**, alto saxophone; **Alex Kohli**, trombone; and **David Ziegert**, trumpet. Jeff and David were also members of the All-Star District Jazz Ensemble that gave an exhibition performance while judges' scores were being totaled.

Other schools participating in the festival included jazz bands from Pittsfield, Westfield, Central High of Springfield, South Hadley, Drury, West Springfield, Northfield/Mt. Hermon, Holyoke, and East Longmeadow.

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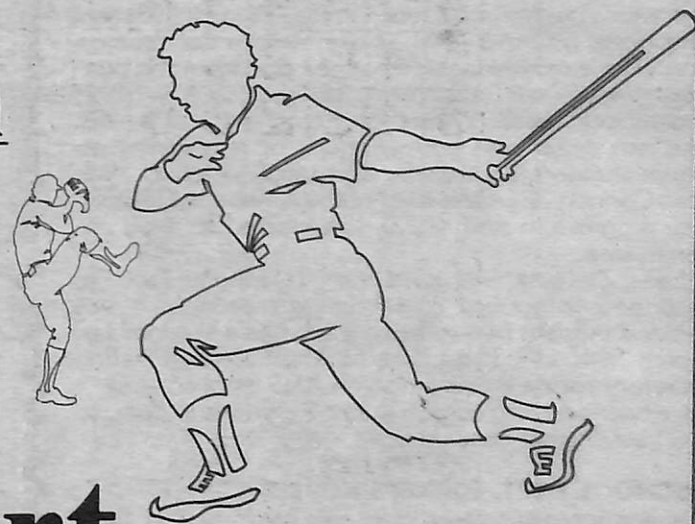
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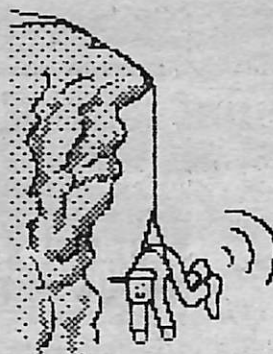
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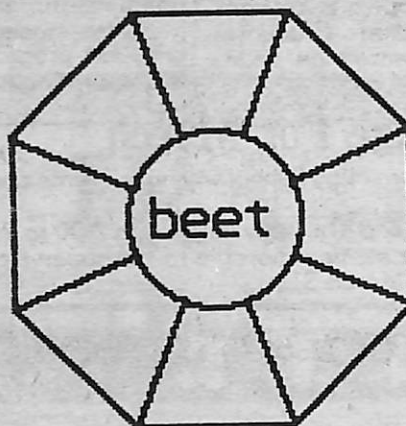
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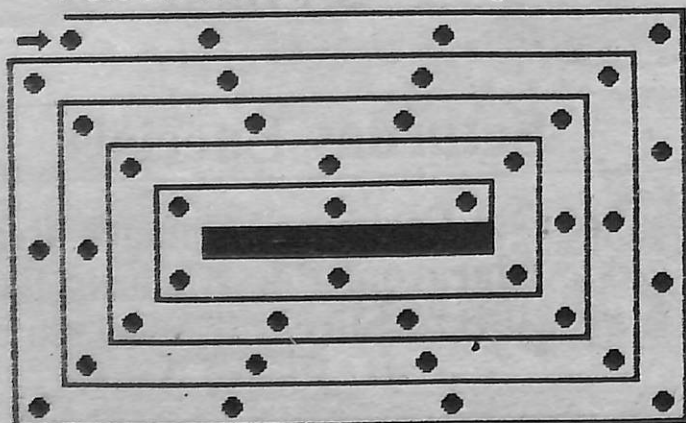
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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Jazz Dancers perform for Junior High School students last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Stephen J. Easton Attains Dean's List At Assumption

Assumption College Dean of Academic Affairs Richard A. Oehling has announced the Fall 1987 Dean's List. All of those selected must have achieved a 3.5 average or greater for the semester.

Earning Dean's List honors was Stephen J. Easton, son of George & Kathleen Easton of Feeding Hills. Stephen is a junior and is majoring in pre-law.

Assumption is a coeducational liberal arts college with 1,718 full-time undergraduate students. Graduate and continuing education programs enroll an additional 1,146 students.

Ronald D. Swift Receives WNEC Business Adm. Degree

Ronald D. Swift of Agawam was among the 160 undergraduate, graduate, and law students recently awarded degrees by Western New England College and the Western New England College School of Law.

Swift received a bachelor of science in business administration degree.

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AHS Show Choir & Jazz Dancers Entertain Jr. High Students

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The progression of children growing so quickly into adulthood hits with full impact when observing the truly talented young men and women of the Agawam High School Show Choir as their voices crisply ring out, leaving only the echoes of childhood in our memories.

AHS music instructor Steve Files directed two superb musical performances by the Show Choir and Jazz Dancers for grades seven to nine at the junior high auditorium last Wednesday. Coordinating lighting and sound tracking systems, which were also arranged by AHS students behind the scenes, Files introduced performers of the various song and dance routines.

In the lively opening number, "Lift You Up," the Show Choir members wore contemporary black and white costumes with red accessories and student **Dave Fazio** briefly sang a solo.

"Shake Your Love," a popular top-40 seller, featured soloist **Lynn Pandolfi** and back-up singers **Jamie Milici** and **Heather Dupont**. This number appealed to the student audience. Next, jazz dancers wearing aqua and ebony outfits performed a florid combination of aerobic and ballet movements to "Eesther," while **Jeff MacKechnie** played a fine-timed saxophone.

A touch of humor was added to "Wipe Out" as four beach boys began singing this routine with towels wrapped around their hips. A bathing beauty then picked up the drum beat with a go-go step; off came the beach boys' towels and a real jam session was revealed.

"Meditation," upbeat with with an Oriental twist, was choreographed and skillfully executed by **Lisa Depergola**. As the cessation neared, Lisa transcended to a lotus position as the flow of music became calming.

Ninth grade freshman **Mark Scortino** played a piano score of "She's Like The Wind," sung first by **Dave Fazio** (solo) and later joined by **Maureen O'Keefe** in a well-done duet. **Steve Yeager** (also a singer in the Show Choir) accompanied the singers on bass guitar. During the second show, Mark also played piano for a strong lyric solo, "Could've Been So Beautiful," dynamically performed by sophomore **Tammie Moran**.

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Open Gym Time Change For March

The open gym sessions at the Agawam High School will have a time change for the month of March.

The gym will be open every Monday and Thursday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. There is a charge of \$2 per person per session, payable to the supervisor at the door. The program will end Thursday, March 31st.

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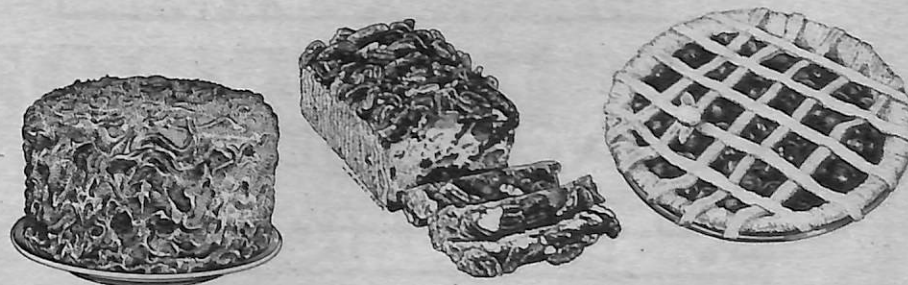


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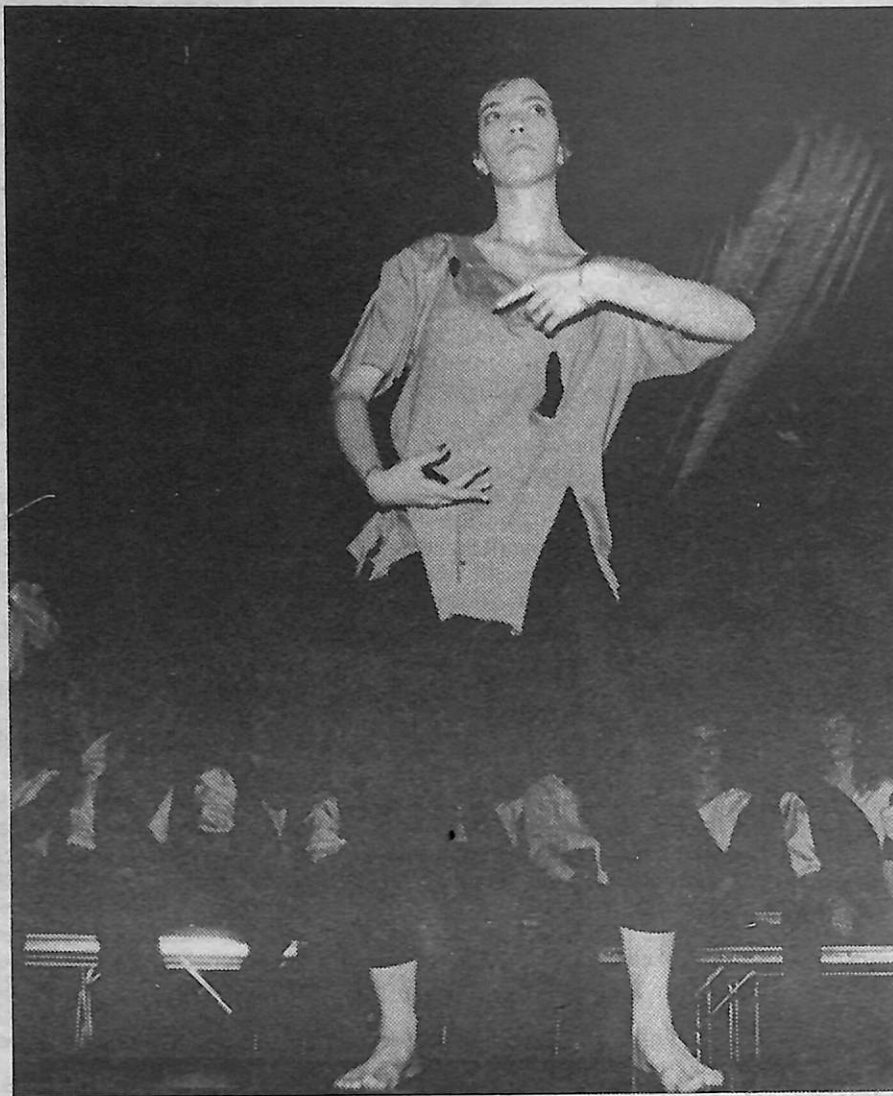
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SHOW CHOIR MEMBERS Jamie Milici, Missy Blackburn, Kim Foot, and Heather Dupont perform a number at the Junior High School last week. Advertiser News

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THE SLOW AND GRACEFUL MOVEMENTS of AHS Jazz Dancer Terry Cimaroli delighted Junior High School students last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

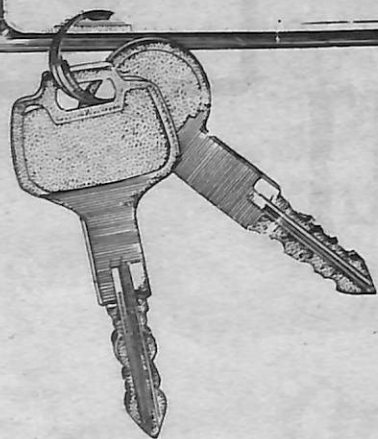
AHS SINGERS - DANCERS - From Page 40...

Choreographed by **Angela Pulis**, a junior at AHS, jazz dancers executed an excellent adaptation of "Hypnotic Conviction." As the dancers filtered off stage, it filled with the Show Choir members once more to sing the well-known "Starmaker" from the movie Fame.

This tune combined a blend of solos ranging in pitch and chorus harmony throughout. It was brilliant. The final of "Let The Good Times Roll" was energetically danced and wholeheartedly sung by the entire Show Choir, and it left the audience roaring with approval.

Files ended the performances by acknowledging the

assistance of the AHS band's brass section, percussion, and the talents of **Valentino Rocca** and **Wendy Pudlo** on piano. Wendy will also be the pianist for "Guys And Dolls" Broadway musical at 7:30 p.m., March 3rd and 4th, in the AHS auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door.



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Children who are four years-old by September 30th, 1988 may attend the Monday/Wednesday/Friday session from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. The morning session has been completely filled. Tuition for the three day per week session is \$540, payable at \$60 per month.

A nourishing snack will be provided daily to the nursery school children. Mary Ann Page will be the director/teacher assisted by Lauri Solitario and Susan Chianciola.

Registration is daily Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Parks/Recreation Office.

If you have any questions or would like to visit the nursery school, please call the Parks/Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

Granger School PTO Slates Scholarship Dance March 12th

The Granger Elementary School PTO will sponsor a dance Saturday, March 12th, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., with benefits awarded in scholarships to Agawam High School seniors this year.

This will be the Third Annual Scholarship Dance of the Granger PTO, and the public is always invited. Parents of High School students have an opportunity to increase scholarships by joining the fun at the Polish American Club.

"Hill of a Sound" will provide the music, and there will be trivia prizes, raffles, and refreshments served. Tickets will be on sale this month through Granger PTO members and at the door for \$6 per person. Table reservations can be made by contacting Sandy Dubay, 786-8055, in advance.

Tony Kunasek Attains Dean's List At AIC

Louise Kunasek is pleased to announce that her son, Tony, a junior at American International College, has attained the Dean's List for the fifth consecutive time.

Tony is a member of the Alpha Chi's, and is majoring in criminal justice with a psychology minor. He is the son of Louise and the late David G. Kunasek.

Coping With Child's Death Program At Baystate Medical

Ways for parents to cope with the death of a child will be presented at a Baystate Medical Center symposium, Wednesday, March 16th, at 8:30 a.m., at the Springfield Marriott Hotel.

Both health care personnel and parents are invited to attend this seminar where featured speaker Judith Laker, Ph.D., will explore the responses of grieving parents and will suggest strategies that can be used to help the bereaved.

Dr. Laker, associate dean of the college of Arts and Sciences, Lehigh University, has co-authored works dealing with both failed pregnancies and infertility.

Additional topics will include "The Million in Mourning...Who is Affected," and "Relatives and Friends...the Unspoken Need," presented by members of the Baystate staff and area health care professionals. A panel discussion relating parents' experiences will also be featured.

Registration is through the Office of Continuing Education, Baystate Medical Center, 784-3466.

Sharon Bisbee Graduates Southeastern Academy In Fla.

Southeastern Academy is proud to announce that Sharon Bisbee, a recent graduate from Agawam, has joined American Airlines in Hartford, as a reservationist.

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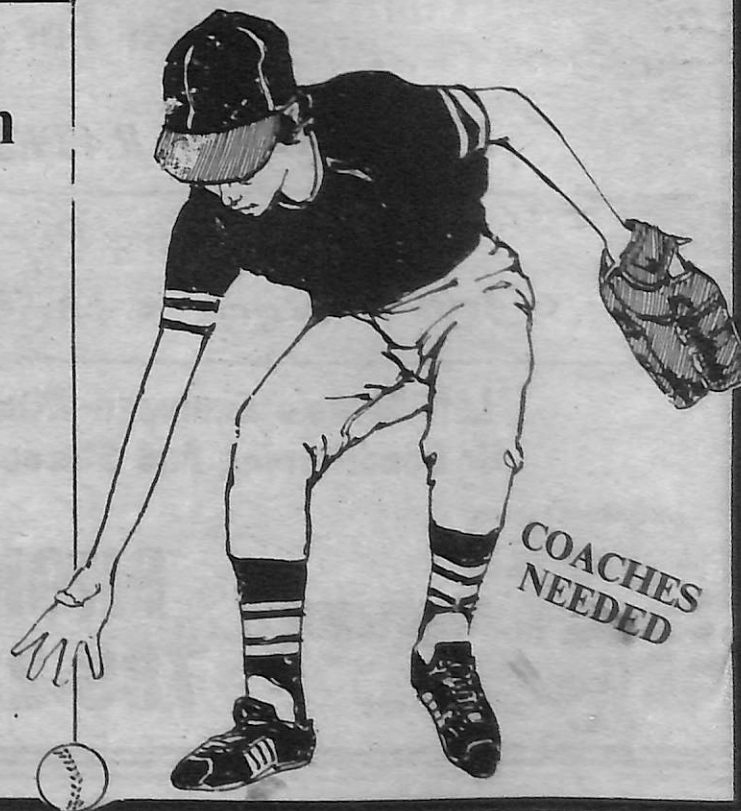
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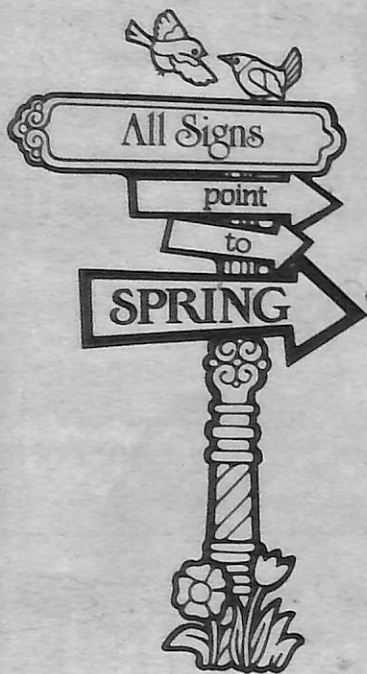
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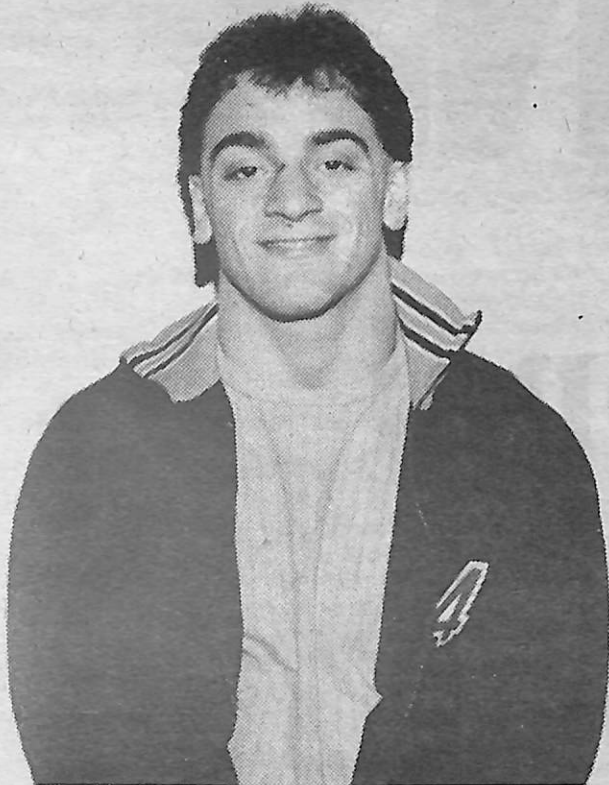
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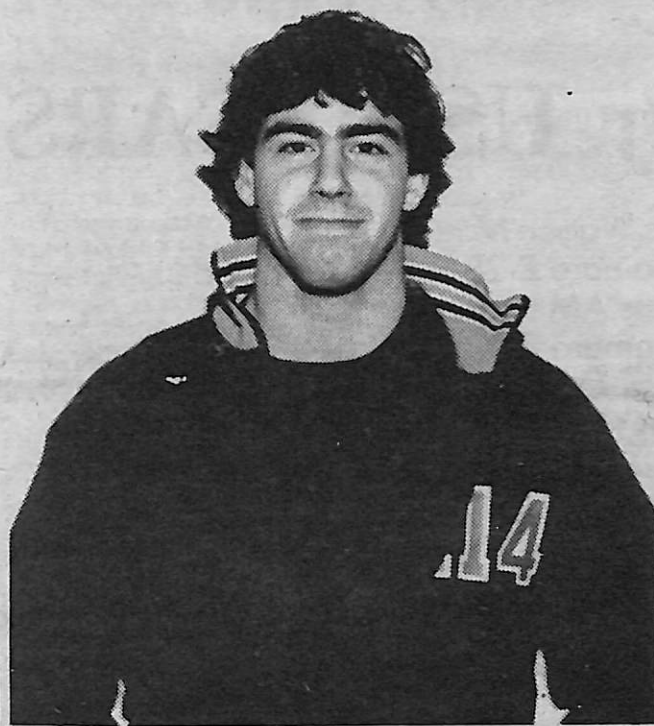
Based on a big 32-point first round, the Agawam High School wrestling team, the two-time WM champs, grabbed the biggest prize of all - the state schoolboy Division I title, the school's second state title this year (second in the school history, too), and the first state mat title for AHS. Senior Tom Cascio led the charge with a state individual title at 135-pounds.



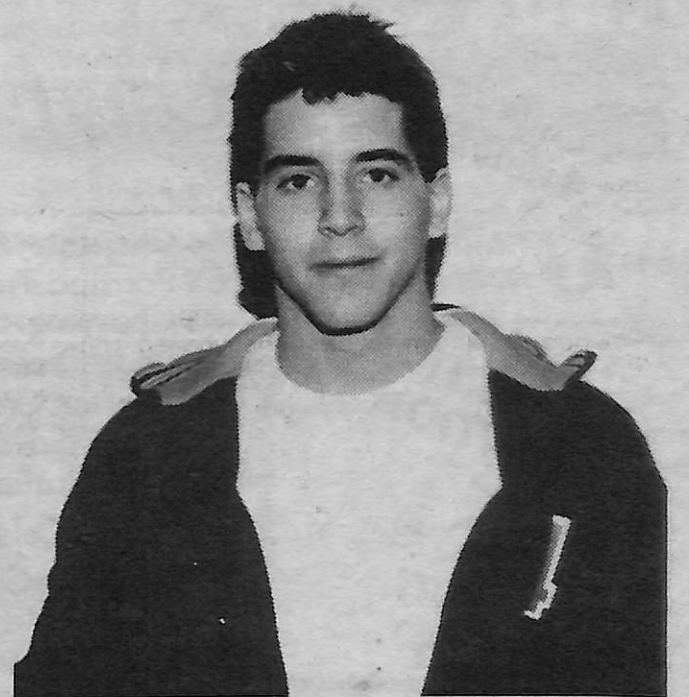
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Brownies Sextet Continues To Beat Odds; Seeded I After Taking Berry Title

by Michael S. Sardella - Sports Editor

Well, the Agawam High hockey team continues to do things that people say they can't do. Last year, many folks didn't give the locals a chance at winning the WMass title. They did. This year with West Springfield and Cathedral looking mighty strong, no one really gave them a chance at repeating as Berry Division champs, let alone Western Mass. champs.

The Brownies are again Berry Division champs.

With only three teams making the post-season tournament, the Brownies automatically received a bye as the top seed. They will play in the WM championship game Thursday, March 10th, vs. the winner of the March 8th semifinal bash between West Side and Cathedral.

The defending Division II WM kings took their second straight league title with a thrilling, 4-2 win over West Side February 23rd before more than 1,300 fans at the Eastern States Coliseum. While West Side had the definite edge in play in the first two periods, the Brownies owned the third.

Again junior netminder David Laudato had one of his best games (seems we say that every week after a big game). He kicked aside 33 shots, many right in front of his nose.

"I was ready to face a lot of shots," he says, "and I was prepared for anything."

Adds third-year coach Len Bruso, "Dave really stopped them in that one. WS had some excellent chances, many in the first period, but Dave stopped them cold."

Dave really kept us alive in this one," says teammate Ricky Parolo, who had two goals and an assist in the game. "He played unbelievable."

Parolo himself came up big when he was needed on offense. His output clinched the league scoring title. Senior defenseman Dennis Punch and sophomore Dan Asselin each had a goal and an assist in the win.

The Brownies finished the regular season with a 5-1 victory over Westfield. Juniors Tom Greene and Mike Passerini each netted two goals and Parolo had a goal and two assists.

With that win the Brownies finished 16-1-2 overall and 13-1-2 in the Berry Division. The only setback was a 4-3 decision to Minnechaug on January 29th. The Brownies were asleep in that one and Minnechaug, not a slouch at all, took full advantage and jumped on AHS early and often.

Finishing with only one loss and taking their second straight division title surprised many folks in the region - even Bruso was startled that his team would enjoy such success again.

"At the start of the season I was just hoping to make the post-season," he says. "We had 10 sophomores and although we did have three returning All-WM players (Punch, Parolo, and Laudato), I didn't think we were all that strong. West Side looked like the team to beat. But as the season went along everything started to come together."

"The sophomores were playing outstanding and we had many role players who did excellent jobs. Of course, Punch, Laudato, and Parolo played some superb hockey all the way. It was also nice to see Tommy (Greene) and Mike (Passerini) come on like they did. That really solidified our offense. This was a total team effort."

Bruso went on to say how hard the team worked on defense - it showed, too. The Brownies allowed the fewest goals in the league (32) and also took the fewest penalties.

Goaltending, of course, was a huge dividend of that defensive play. Laudato is clearly the best in WM. He was undefeated in the nets for the Brownies, and was there in the big ones (two wins over West Side, Cathedral). His goals against average was barely at 1.5 which was miles ahead of the rest of the field.

It could have been a much different season for the Brownies if Laudato had instead played for the Springfield Olympics of the New England Junior Hockey League. That didn't materialize and Laudato was again sweeping the nets for AHS.

Offensively Parolo again proved he was one of the best forwards in WM, if not the best. He won the league scoring title with 30 goals and 20 assists after a very slow start.

Parolo finished third in the league in scoring a year ago and was sixth as a sophomore. He now has 134 career points, putting him among the school's all-time leading snipers.

Parolo may be headed for the "Bessone Award" as the league's MVP, but he may have to share it with Punch, who came on to have another sparkling year. Punch should easily retain his hold on the "Eddie Shore Award," the honor he won last year as the league's best defenseman.

Punch also put the puck into the net with authority this year, as well as setting up tallies. He finished fifth overall in scoring with 10 goals and 24 assists. When he was on Punch had the ability to take a game over.

"Dennis is the best defenseman I've ever seen in high school hockey," Bruso says. "He can't be replaced. I hate to think of not having him back there next year."

Greene, who plays on the first line with Parolo and Passerini, finished tied with Punch in the league standings with 13 goals and 21 assists. He had a fine season but the accolades heaped on Punch, Laudato, and Parolo, Green was sometimes missed in the shuffle.

"Tommy can put the puck in the net and he proved it this year," notes Bruso. "He complimented Ricky well on the first line. He is one of the hardest shooters and the team, and he's an excellent skater."

Passerini, a first-year player, finished with a solid 11 goals and 11 assists for 22 points.

Other Brownies who got in on the offense this year included Steve Silva (2-11-13), Paul Karam (6-8-14), Dan Aslund (5-6-11), Mike Shea (2-4-6), Mike Keeney (2-2-4), Chris Jarvis 3-1-4), Dan Fugiel (1-3-4), and Greg Pinkerton (1-2-3).

The Brownies are in the middle of a 13-day lay-off following their seasonal finale vs. Westfield. They are scheduled to scrimmage Division III champs Pittsfield on Thursday, but it's just not the same as the "real thing."

"I don't like the wait at all," says Bruso. "The guys are working hard in practice but it's easy to get a little flat with such a delay. Hopefully it won't have an affect on the team. We'll just be trying to stay on our toes until the game."

As for the team's chances of repeating as WM champs, Bruso remarks, "We have an excellent chance at it. If we play our game, we'll do it. I'll tell you - these are a great bunch of kids to be working with. I wouldn't bet against them."

Neither would anyone else if they were smart.



MIKE PASSERINI buzzes the West Side net while being knocked off balance by a West Side defenseman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**Sportsman's
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by Bill Chiba
Outdoor Sports Writer

Ending Hunters' Harassment

Hunters across the nation are hoping that legislation introduced by Montana Congressman Ron Marlenee will bring an end to organized harassment of legal hunting activities by animal rights extremist groups.

The bill, H.F. 3834, the Hunter Protection Act, is presently pending before a wildlife subcommittee.

Marlenee has introduced hunter harassment legislation during the past three legislative sessions. The current bill is a result of increased violent activities by anti-hunting groups.

The Hunter Protection Act of 1988 would establish civil penalties for disruption of hunts on federal lands; provide for stiff fines plus additional fines for acts involving force or violence; provide opportunity for a hearing and establish each violation as a separate offense.

The bill would also allow injunctive relief against civil rights violations, provide for actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees, and allow hunting groups to bring action on behalf of their members.

Twenty-three states have already adopted similar legislation, according to Marlenee. The bill has the backing of the NRA and some 20 million hunters who use federal lands.

A similar bill is filed with the Massachusetts Legislature. It has been kept bottled up in committee for the past three sessions. Senator Carol Amick, chairwoman of the Natural Resources Committee, an

animal rights activist, is responsible for preventing the legislation from coming up for a vote.

Animal rights activists, those fine and friendly folks who have harassed lawful hunters in the woods, are growing bolder.

According to the *Christian Science Monitor*, an underground group that is part of the animal rights movement is under investigation for a rash of arson cases, theft, and vandalism.

"Now they're getting more violent, and I don't see any letting up," said one investigating officer.

However, a spokeswoman for the activists said their actions were similar to the Boston Tea Party. But judging from the rash of new legislation aimed at stopping the activists' antics, a lot of outdoorsmen would be pleased to give these folks a clearer understanding of American history.

In Northwestern North Dakota, intensive grain farming in the area severely depleted the amount of quality nesting cover available for waterfowl. Two thousand two hundred seventy acres of the watershed was bone dry. Ducks Unlimited obtained permission to manage the Big Meadow area and attempt to bring it back to its original state. The DU began construction in the wetland basin two years ago. At present the water depth in the wetland varies from several inches to three feet or more, depending upon the amount of runoff received from the 50 square-mile watershed.

The area now boasts of 33 waterfowl nests per acre, and a nesting success ratio of better than 90 percent.

The budget of DU for 1988 is \$6.1 million for similar projects.

The Agawam Bowmen Club will meet Monday, March 7th, at its clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. All members are urged to attend.

Dan Avery Coming Back To Riverside

When it comes to up-and-coming drivers in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series at Riverside Park, the name of Dan Avery of Somers, Connecticut, will rise to the top of the list.

Avery, a successful contractor and builder from Somers, has had a racing career that started in the late 1970's at the Stafford Motor Speedway in the Late Model Sportsmen Division. He secured several feature event wins and special awards before moving on to the S.K. Modifieds. In that division's first season, Avery showed all the right ingredients as a true frontrunner, winning race after race with a top point finish.

It wasn't until 1986 that Dan decided to make the move up to the NASCAR Modifieds at Riverside Park Speedway. He purchased the former championship Modified of Bill Pelly that was then driven by Stan Greger. In his rookie season, he secured his first NASCAR Modified win with a strong top 10 finish in the points to win the "Rookie of the Year" honors. Still, his success did not stop there—it continued with victories in 1988 that made him one of the leading and most popular drivers at the Park.

And for 1988 Avery is ready for his most successful season ever. Avery has purchased the Sherwood/Sherri-Cup Pontiac that was driven to several victories by Mike McLaughlin. The Avery Modified will again carry the familiar number 10 and the impressive list of sponsors.

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New Faces Coming To Riverside Speedway

The list of new teams that have shown interest as regulars at Riverside Park Speedway is growing every day. On Saturday, March 26th, is when the 1988 season begins and several new teams will be showcased for this very first major event at Riverside Speedway.

One of the new "hot shoes" will be a hardcharging driver, who has already shown his talent as an independent runner at New Smyrna in the World Series: Bob Fuller of Boylston, Massachusetts, has run Riverside before, but this year he plans on being a regular and running for the title.

Bob is a veteran driver of short track racing and won the championships at the old Westboro Speedway and at Thompson Speedway in the Late Models Division. He has also showed talent at Martinville, Thompson, and Stafford.

Bob is by far one of the most respected independents in Modified Racing. His familiar number 17 (White Cavalier) will have the help of Fuller Motorhome Sales and Rental. Bob still is in search of a major sponsor.

Another surprise and popular entry expected in the impressive S.K. Modified Division is driver Ed Flemke, Jr., of Southington, Connecticut. Flemke, known as J.R., is ready to move into the NASCAR Modifieds and his team is headed by Dean's Machine. It has purchased two additional cars with extra engines. Flemke is a marketable young driver who will also be a plus to the Riverside Modified lineup. Flemke is also involved with a spectacular marketing program with a major announcement coming soon for the popular 10 race team.

Lloyd Agor was a frontrunner in the old Southern New England Racing Association. Agor has had a great deal of success in the S.K. Division at Stafford, Thompson, and Danbury. Agor will campaign another new Troyer Cavalier with an impressive paint job. And, like Flemke, he will run for the "Rookie of the Year" honors in the NASCAR Modifieds.

Still, that's not all as Tom Sylvester of Lebanon, Connecticut, is also expected to return as a regular (driving tentatively for Rich Eocci in the 1987 Troyer Cavalier). This car was driven with a great deal of success by Tom Bolles in 1987. Bolles will run his own Bolles Motors Cavalier this year. Sylvester had some success as a former Stafford Late Model Champion and Modified driver in the late 1970's and early 1980's.

And these are just a few of the new drivers. Familiar faces include Alan McClure, Bruce D'Alessandro, Reggie Ruggiero, Ken Johnson, S.J. Evonson, Mike Stefanik, Mike McLaughlin, Dan Avery, John Rosati, Wade Cole, Gilda Berti, Ted Riggott, Stan Greger, Tim Morowka, and more.

Don't miss it. The 1988 NASCAR Winston Racing Series starting Saturday, March 26th, at 6:30 p.m. There is three NASCAR Divisions—the NASCAR Tour-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, and Streets.

For a free 1988 schedule and facts and figures, write today to Riverside Park Speedway, Box 207, Agawam, MA, 01001, attention: Gina.

DAN AVERY - From Page 46...

Dan is making it known that he is after one thing in 1988—the championship. "I feel very strong that with the new car and my old car as the back-up, I can run for the crown. I know it's not going to be easy, but my team is dedicated and my sponsors will be with me all the way," said the hard working Dan Avery.

Avery will show the talents of his new car for the seasonal opener Saturday, March 26th, at Riverside Park Speedway. It's a triple special with 100 laps for the NASCAR Modifieds, plus 25 laps in the Pro Stocks, and 25 laps in the Streets.

Home Builders Assoc. Sets Annual Sports Night March 8

The Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield will hold its Annual Sports Night, Tuesday, March 8th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Carriage House, Storowton Tavern, West Springfield.

Keynote speaker for this popular event will be Steve Nelson, linebacker for the New England Patriots. Steve will present an insider's view of life with a championship team. He will also talk of the other champions in his life, the mentally handicapped individuals that he supports through the Wrentham State School.

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An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-11, Sub-Section XI entitled "Unclassified Positions"

WHEREAS, The Town of Agawam has currently completed its negotiations with several of its collective bargaining units and now recommends increases for the 'Unclassified Positions'.

NOW THEREFORE, Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-11, Sub-Section XI entitled "Classified Positions" of the Code of the Town of Agawam is hereby amended by deleting and adding the following effective July 1, 1987, January 1, 1988, July 1, 1988, and January 1, 1989:

RATES PER HOUR - DELETE AS FOLLOWS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1987:

	Hourly Rates
Cook - COA	7.41
Cafeteria Helper - COA	6.20
Bus Dispatcher - COA	4.20
Meals on Wheels Driver/COA PT	4.20
Custodian - COA	5.47
Nursery School Head Teacher	7.30
Nursery School Aide	5.00
Special Projects Coordinator	6.00

RATES PER HOUR - DELETE AS FOLLOWS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1988:

	Hourly Rates
Laborer - Seasonal	4.00
Precinct Warden	5.00
Deputy Precinct Warden	4.50
Precinct Clerk	4.00
Voting Machine Set-Up Person	7.00
Deputy Precinct Clerk	3.55
Ballot Counter	3.55
Constable	4.15

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Playground Leader	3.70
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Recreation Leader	3.70
Cashier	3.65
Snack Bar Attendant	3.65
Locker Room Attendant	3.65

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Cook - COA	7.67
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Bus Dispatcher - COA	5.00
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Custodian - COA	5.66
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Meals on Wheels Driver/COA PT	5.15
Custodian - COA	5.83
Nursery School Head Teacher	7.79
Nursery School Aide	5.34
Special Projects Coordinator	6.40
Laborer - Seasonal	4.50
Precinct Warden	6.50
Deputy Precinct Warden	5.50
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RATES PER HOUR - ADD AS FOLLOWS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1988:

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Cook - COA	8.18
Cafeteria Helper - COA	6.84
Bus Dispatcher - COA	5.33
Meals on Wheels Driver/COA PT	5.33
Custodian - COA	6.03
Nursery School Head Teacher	8.07
Nursery School Aide	5.53
Special Projects Coordinator	6.62
Laborer - Seasonal	5.00
Senior Dispatcher - COA	6.21
Playground Leader	3.92
Youth Leader	3.92
Recreation Leader	3.92
Cashier	3.75
Snack Bar Attendant	3.75
Locker Room Attendant	3.75

RATES PER HOUR - ADD AS FOLLOWS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1989:

	Hourly Rates
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St. Mike's Riding Herd In Tri-Parish Bowling

St. Michael (1st place-8 wins) continues to shock the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League by winning its 8th straight in Round Three after two weeks of rolling. The staggering turn-of-events for St. Mike's, the perennial last place team in this league, was further underscored when it swept past Round One and Round Two winner St. Louis (7th place-4 wins). Still holding tough so far in this round is Villanova (2nd place-7 wins).

In its shocking sweep over St. Lou, St. Mike's winner were VENETTA SNYDER (294) and JANICE MOCCIO (268-tie with JIM MCNAMEE). Venetta's victory was by a 21-pin margin and it was enough to thwart the desperate attempts by St. Lou's TOM BURR (286) and DEBBIE POIRIER (307) to avoid the major upset. St. Mike's captain MIKE O'CONNELL, rolling under heavy pressure, did manage a 298 to hold his own against the heaving-hitting Debbie Poirier, the number one female roller in the league.

Villanova, a playoff team a year ago, continued to roll well by defeating St. Mary (last place-1 win). Villanova winners included STELLA BARBIERI (291) and STEP STEPANIAN (303). Both were big winners. St. Mary's winner's were PEG TASSINARI and steady captain FRED MORASSI (304). Morassi took a 13-pin victory over none other than FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO (291). Ole Frankie managed to stay within range of Morassi, thereby enabling his team to get that all-important third win of the match. Go Frankie go.

Fordham (3rd place-6 wins) defeated Notre Dame (10th place-2 wins). Fordham winners were substitute ZEKE SICARD (325-hey Zeke, where did you come from?), RENE JURY (310-she is really returning to last year's form after an awful time in Round One and Round Two), and substitute captain KATHY PRZESZLO (296). Kathy is still subbing for the injured

ANN O'CONNELL. ND captain JOE RESCIGNO hit a 290, and first roller TERRY CERPOVICZ had a 298.

Loyola, last year's grand champions, moved into fourth place (6 wins) by a clean sweep over Holy Cross (6th place-4 wins). HC had swept in week one of Round Three, but was really thrown back in this one. Loyola winners were RICK KOZAK (303), JEAN BUONICONTI (302), and hard-firing captain STEVE ROVITHIS (339). He's the number two men's roller in the league (107.14). Rovithis really laid the wood to HC captain GEORGE LANE (300). The only HC winner was CAROLINE COELN (259), but it was only a six-pin victory over GAIL BLAIR (253).

St. Anselm (8th place-3 wins) took the night from Boston College (9th place-2 wins). Leading the way for St. A's were STEVE DEVANEY (293-best night in ages) and captain VI MASSOIA (304). She stunned BC captain LARRY VIENS (293). BC winners were SANDY PRZESZLO (323-big night for her) and JIM BURLINGHAM (305).

For the second straight week, the bye team (Georgetown-5th place-4 wins) had a good night. G-Town managed to get three wins for its efforts. PAT RESCIGNO (252) rolled six pins over her average; CHERYL PRZESZLO (282) lost six pins; PAUL LAGODITZ (294) picked up three pins; and last, but certainly not least, the entire league's number one roller, AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO, fired a 363, 42 pins over his average. In doing so Al hit the season high single string of 154 which was previously held by Steve Rovithis, Moccio's biggest challenger to be named "King-of-the-Mountain" in the Tri-Parish Bowling League. Moccio also holds the seasonal high triple of 387.

Moccio's team this year, however, is somewhat floundering.

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BOYS 8-10

Dominic Morassi League

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Christopher's Farm	5	3
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Collegian Court	5	3
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts	5	3
Feeding Hills Pharmacy	3	5
Gino's Package Store	1	7
Aldrich Insurance	1	7
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BOYS 10-12

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BOYS 13-15

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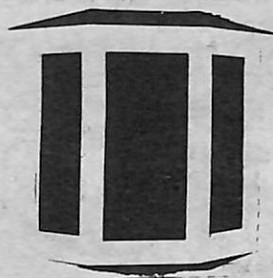
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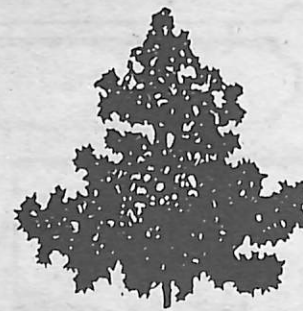
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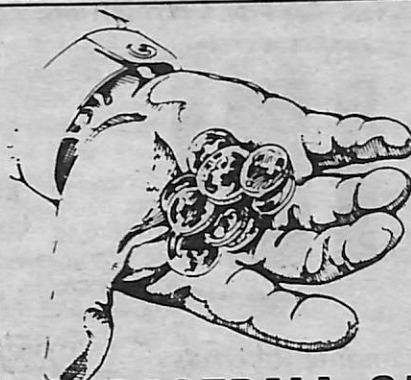


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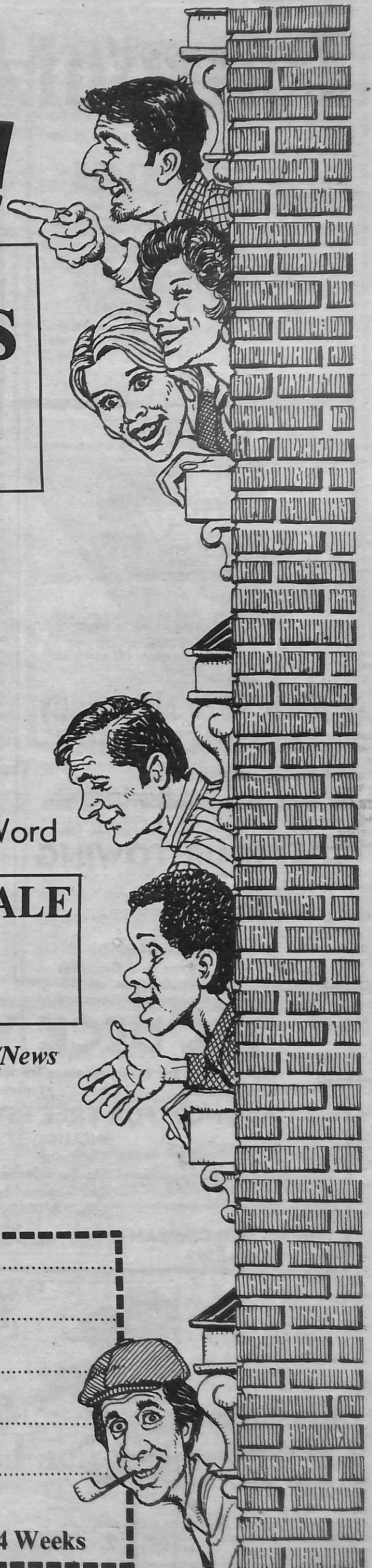
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